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TRADE UNIONS & INFLATION

As generally expected, the British trade union leaders have rejected the findings of the Cohen Council on the causes of national inflation. More man-hours were lost in Britain last year in a plethora of small strikes—some of them merely mischievous or perniciously—than in any year since the great General Strike in 1926. In this atomic world of stiff competition, where the competing Communist world never allows strikes, that record is unworthy of a mature people. It could also be suicidal to a nation in no position to live by itself alone.

The major causes, said the trade unionists, were not the machinations of Communist bosses in key positions in certain major industries, but inflation. Some months ago the Government applied the tourniquet to the financial arteries of business by raising the bank rate to 7 per cent. At the same time the Council of Three Wise Men—composed of Lord Justice Cohen (Chairman), Sir Harold Howitt and Sir Dennis Robertson—were taking statements on all aspects of Prices, Productivity, and Incomes.

The Cohen Report

One of its first findings, and in many ways the most important, was that if any wage increases are granted in 1958 they should be substantially below the average of the last few years. The Council considered that the anti-inflationary measures taken by the Government in September were "overdone" and that it would not be alarming if unemployment were somewhat higher than at present.

In the opening statistical chapter the Council's report stresses the post-war failure to prevent prices from rising at the rate of 4 to 5 per cent a year, which were "not part of the natural order of things. There is no precedent for this in the last 100 years of British economic history." And the Council went on to distribute the blame for this. It calculated 49 per cent was due to extra wages; 19 per cent extra profit income; 19 per cent higher import prices; and 13 per cent extra indirect taxes, including reductions in subsidies.

The Statistics

The general increase in production in the period 1946-56 is estimated at about 3 per cent a year, whereas the rise in wages and salaries is estimated at just under 8 per cent a year and the rise in profit just under 7 per cent. There is, of course, a division of economic theory to complicate the issue. It has been the topic of almost endless discussion between economic experts, policymakers, and both capital and labour. The Council's finding that the trend of rising wages had regularly exceeded the rise in living costs, and that the trade unionists were therefore the pace-makers in this vicious circle, was too factual and closely reasoned to be effectively contested.

Labour was thus forced back on theory—the theory of full employment and expanding economy. The contention put forward in the statement by the General Council of the T.U.C. to the Chancellor yesterday was that the Government's economic policies were "misconceived, negative and likely to damage Britain's interests."

They do not defend themselves against the influence of wages on inflation. They practically demand not only that the process of continuous rise in prices (and in wages) should go on, but that it should be accelerated to defeat the reverse tendencies.

RUSSIAN MOTIVES QUESTIONED

Dulles's Warning On Soviet Advocacy Of Summit Talks

Washington, Feb. 26. Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State, said today that Soviet advocacy of an East-West summit meeting was designed to lull Western public opinion into the belief that the cold war had ended.

He told a meeting of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee that the Soviet Union and the West were unequal in that respect, since the Soviet Government did not have to depend "for a single Kopeck" on popular support for military and foreign aid spending, while Western democracies had to have public opinion behind them.

The Secretary of State was replying to Representative John Vorys (Republican, Ohio) who asked: "I think one of the greatest dangers is a summit conference on the terms that Bulganin is proposing. Are we going to stand firm on the pre-conditions laid down by the President?"

Mr Dulles replied: "There is no thought in our minds of parting with those pre-conditions."

President Eisenhower has insisted in his exchange of letters with Marshal Bulganin, the Soviet Premier, that any summit meeting must be preceded by preparatory talks at a lower level which would give promise of ultimate agreement at the summit.

Mr Dulles went on: "Obviously the preparatory work will have to involve a certain amount of give-and-take with our allies and possibly with the Soviet Union. . . .

"I share the concern which you express—concern which is shared I know by the President—that no conference be held which would enable the Soviet Union to gain a substantial propaganda victory when in effect not a single thing has been done to change the situation."—Reuter.

FREIGHTER AGROUND IN FLORIDA

Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Feb. 26. A 7,300-ton British freighter ran aground today on a sand and coral reef about 500 yards from the beach. The vessel, Aldington Court, apparently had engine trouble and drifted into the eight feet deep water. The ship has a draft of 18 feet.

Four tugs attempted to free the ship as the coast guard stood by to give assistance. No injuries were reported. The 480-foot vessel was en-route from Bremen, Germany, to Port Everglades, Florida. —United Press.

European Radar Warning System

Paris, Feb. 26. A radar warning system for all NATO nations to "eliminate possible gaps in the defence line" is now being installed, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe announced today.

Shape also revealed that a "much more efficient" communications system has been achieved by scattering signals from the troposphere (the layer of air extending seven miles upwards from the Earth's surface) messages can be sent "well beyond the horizon."

Experts are studying the co-ordination of information so that it is acceptable to all NATO air defence forces.—Reuter.

Military Strength

Bonn, Feb. 26. The West German forces will have a peacetime strength of 350,000 men by the spring of 1961, Defence Ministry sources said today.—China Mail Special.

THE FATE OF LA SALLE COLLEGE

London, Feb. 26. Major Patrick Wall (Conservative) asked the Secretary for War, Mr Christopher Soames, in the House of Commons today when the La Salle College buildings, Hongkong, would be released and handed back to the Brothers for use as a school.

Mr Soames replied that the College was at present being used as a military hospital.

"We have decided to build new hospital accommodation in Hongkong which will enable us to give up our tenancy of the 'College'," he added.

Mr Soames said it was too early yet to estimate accurately when the new hospital building would be completed.

Major Wall, urging that the work should be pressed forward, said that during the 25 years of its existence, the building had only been used as a school for nine years. Accommodation was needed by 1,000 secondary school pupils in the colony, he said.

Mr Soames replied that he was aware of the position.—Reuter.

Judge Wicks



Gets New Appointment

Mr James Wicks, District Judge, has been appointed Pulese Judge, Kenya. The appointment has been approved by Her Majesty the Queen.

Mr Wicks was with the Legal Service in Palestine before his appointment as a Magistrate in Hongkong. He sat for the first time as a Magistrate at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court on July 12, 1948, taking the place of Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, who had been appointed Assistant Crown Solicitor in the Legal Department.

CHURCHMAN

In November, 1948, Mr Wicks was appointed an additional Judge of the Supreme Court. Since then he has been sitting as Acting Pulese Judge at the District Courts both in Victoria and Kowloon.

Mr Wicks is a keen churchman, having served on the Council of St Andrew's Church, Kowloon, for many years.

It is learned that Judge Wicks will be proceeding on leave soon prior to taking up his new appointment.

Death Sentence

Kuala Lumpur, Feb. 26. The high court today sentenced to death a captured terrorist, Yap Keow-sin, 25, for having been in possession of a pistol and 20 rounds of ammunition.—Reuter.

WEST'S TRADE WITH CHINA UP 33 PER CENT

Washington, Feb. 26. Trade between the non-Communist world and China exceeded \$1,000 million in 1956, an increase of 33 per cent over 1955, a report to Congress said today.

The report, submitted by Mr James H. Smith, Director of the International Co-operation Administration, said that Japan, the Federal Republic of Germany, Hongkong and Britain had the greatest trade turnover with the Chinese mainland.

ONE QUARTER

"More than one quarter of the free world trade expansion with the Sino-Soviet bloc in 1956 was accounted for by the increase in free-world trade with China," added the report.

"Free world exports to China moved up from \$317 million in 1955 to \$433 million in 1956, or about 37 per cent."

"Exports of manufactured goods quadrupled and machinery and transport equipment exports almost trebled the 1955 levels. Crude materials went up 16 per cent and chemicals 9 per cent."

IMPORTS

"Free-world imports from China—principally rice, eggs, tea, soybeans, wool and other animal hair, cotton yarn, fabrics and manufactures—rose from \$494 million in 1955 to \$643 million in 1956, an increase of 30 per cent."

"Three-quarters of the increase in free-world imports from China in 1956 constituted imports of the less-developed Asian countries."

Since the period covered by the report, Britain and other countries have removed some of the non-strategic restrictions on trade with China, to bring it into line with the less severe regulations governing trade with the Soviet Union and the Eastern European countries.—Reuter.

Happy Birthday

Washington, Feb. 26. A State Department spokesman said today that Secretary of State John Foster Dulles has received "numerous" congratulatory messages from foreign statesmen on the occasion of his 70th birthday.

He said that the messages included "cordial" greetings from British Prime Minister Harold Macmillan, German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer and Korean President Syngman Rhee.—United Press.

In Hospital

Washington, Feb. 26. James C. Hagerly, White House Press Secretary, entered Walter Reed Army Hospital this afternoon for a check-up on a chronic stomach condition. Hagerly said he does not expect to remain in the hospital for more than 48 hours.—United Press.

FRANCOISE SAGAN SUED BY DOCTOR

Paris, Feb. 26. A chest specialist filed suit today against 22-year-old novelist Francoise Sagan to collect fees which she allegedly failed to pay when he treated her after a car accident last April.

The specialist, Dr Andre Juvenet, performed a delicate operation on Miss Sagan, whose life appeared to be in danger, and presented her with a bill for one million francs (\$2,581).

Miss Sagan, precocious author of "Bonjour Tristesse" and other best-selling novels, first pleaded lack of funds and then said flatly she thought the fee was too high.

Miss Sagan, pursued by Juvenet's bill collectors, put the million-franc fee in the hands of a notary but refused to pay the full sum. Juvenet thereupon decided to sue.—France-Press.

THE WEATHER: Light, variable winds, freshening from the NE later this evening. Fair and warm, becoming cloudy and cooler this evening with patches of drizzle developing.

Dutch Families Evacuate Tea Plantation In Sumatra

By ROBERT UDICK

Padang, Feb. 26. Fifteen Dutch families were evacuating themselves to Medan today from the Kaju Tea Plantation, 175 miles south of here, for fear of local trouble developing between Sumatran troops and 4,000 Javanese plantation workers.

The families—the entire European population of the famous tea estate—passed through here in a truck and station wagon caravan. It will take them at least two full days to get to Medan over the difficult roads.

A local Army spokesman said he doubted any such clash would occur. The workers, he said, will have plenty of rice and should be no trouble.

Cause Trouble

But the departing Dutch said the workers, who were once members of the outlawed Communist South Union, were organised and ready to cause trouble.

On the east coast of Sumatra, meanwhile, there was no indication that any early evacuation was planned for some 600 American men, women and children in the Rumbia area where the Caltex Oil installations are located.

The revolutionary Cabinet was understood to be meeting tonight at Padang Pandjang in the mountains near Bukittinggi. Much of the civil administration of the revolutionary government has moved to the Bukittinggi-Padang Pandjang area.

Air Raid

Activities in Padang were brought to a halt for half an hour shortly before noon by an air raid alert prompted by a single flying boat that prowled high and far out along the coast.

The Panamanian-flagged freighter San Roberto apparently slipped past the destroyer Goda last night. It was not in Padang harbour this morning. The Goda had been sailing back and forth on entry duty for the past week to blockade the port.

The new recruits were given training in fighting tactics today, with Army instructors giving elementary instruction in the handling of rifles and bayonets.—United Press.

STEALING ARMS FOR REBELS

Casablanca, Feb. 26. US Air Force Lieutenant Elwood F. Trotter, aged 31, of Honolulu, today pleaded guilty before a court martial at Nouaceur air base to stealing ammunition and equipment worth more than \$25,000.

Some of the loot may have reached the rebels in Algeria.

Trotter, who is married, and the father of three children, was accused of having taken 126,000 rounds of ammunition from the base.

He admitted having dealt with Moroccan who were presumably acting as agents for Algerians. He said they frequently asked him for ammunition, weapons, motors and radio equipment.

Trotter was indicted on 18 separate counts.

An intermediary of the FLN, he said, had asked him to steal arms and ammunition and even a Constellation aircraft motor, and suggested that he "come and work in Algeria."—France-Press.

FLOOD OF FAKED INDONESIAN NOTES

Blockade Runners Warned

Singapore, Feb. 27. The Straits Times said today Singapore merchants trading with Indonesia were refusing to accept Indonesian currency.

The Times said the black market rate of the Indonesian Rupiah had dropped from 11 to 10.5 to the Straits dollar.

The official rate had dropped from three to five point four to the Straits dollar.

The Times said counterfeit Indonesian notes—believed to be printed in Japan—were contributing to this fall.

Millions of fake notes were now in circulation, it said, particularly in the South Sumatran ports of Djambi and Palembang.

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WELL MADE

The Times said it had been told by one trader: "Since genuine and counterfeit Rupiah are printed in cheap paper, it is almost impossible to tell which is which. The fake notes are extremely well made."

The Straits Times said that the black market rate last year was 10 Rupiah to the Straits dollar. This had fallen to 11 to the Straits dollar when a rebel Republic was declared in Padang, and had been falling since.

Indonesian Consul-General Mr Achmad Matene-gara, said tonight any Singapore ships caught running the Indonesian Navy's blockade of rebel Central Sumatra, would be treated as smugglers.

By that time, the last of the primitive southern tribesmen will have gone to the booths.—China Mail Special.

CONFISCATED

Mr Matene-gara said his government would not entertain protests or claims by shipowners if cargoes from these ships were confiscated.

He said his government had closed Central Sumatran ports for better trade, and any permits that might be issued by the rebels would be illegal.

He said the Navy had intensified its blockade of Central Sumatra: "And it is very unlikely any ships will slip past the Navy's blockade."

The Central Sumatran regime is believed to have promised Singapore traders attractive concessions if they run the blockade.

According to the Straits Times these include elimination, or drastic reduction, of a number of export and import duties.—Reuter.

YETI HUNTERS PESSIMISTIC

Calcutta, Feb. 26. The leader of an American expedition that hopes to catch an Abominable Snowman said today he doubts anyone will ever be able to bring one back alive.

Gerald Russell, leading a group of Yeti hunters working for the San Antonio, Texas, Zoological Society, said he was convinced that if such a "Snowman" really existed, it would be unable to stand the climate away from the Himalayan mountains where it is said to roam.

He added that in any event, his native Sherpa guides and bearers were so awed by what some Sherpas have described as the "hugo, hairy, white-skinned Snowman" roaming the mountains that they would not hold one for more than a week without orders from the Nepal Government.—United Press.

USAF's Nomadic Space Fleet

By CHARLES W. CORDRY

Washington, Feb. 26. The Air Force disclosed today plans for a fleet of nuclear powered aircraft that can circle the globe indefinitely and counter-attack instantly with ballistic missiles if war comes.

A "nomadic patrol of nuclear propelled aircraft" was one of several planned weapons systems outlined by the Air Force at the annual Air Force Association Jet-Age Conference.

Dyna Soar

The Service also gave new details on its proposed "Dyna Soar" airplane which will be able to circle the earth several times and pinpoint targets from satellite altitudes of 200 to 300 miles.

The "orderly glimpse into the future" was given to the 2,000 industrialists, military men and educators attending the conference by Maj-Gen. James Fergusson, Air Force Director of Requirements.

He outlined plans for these planes of the future:

The chemically powered, North American B-70 bomber, which will travel 2,400 miles an hour at altitudes well above 60,000 feet and will be able to find small targets as no missile can.

On Station

The boost-glide airplane, which will be rocket-boosted out of the atmosphere and glide around the earth several times. Others have disclosed that this will be the "Dyna Soar" concept. Fergusson said it will "pinpoint many targets at altitudes of two to three hundred miles" with an ultra-modern radar.

Altitude "of unlimited range operating on nuclear power at low or high level." The nuclear plane will be able to stay "on station" around the world ready for instant attack, Fergusson said.—United Press.

NO DOUBLE VOTING IN SUDAN

Khartoum, Feb. 27. Thumbs of voters will be marked with silver nitrate as Sudanese go to the polls today in the first parliamentary election the Sudan has held as an independent state.

The marking was being done at the polling stations, due to open at 7 a.m., as a precaution against double voting.

An electorate of about 2,500,000 out of a largely illiterate population of 10,500,000 were due to vote.

Polling is being staggered throughout the country and officials will not start counting the votes until March 10.

By that time, the last of the primitive southern tribesmen will have gone to the booths.—China Mail Special.

COMPOSER HAS HEART ATTACK

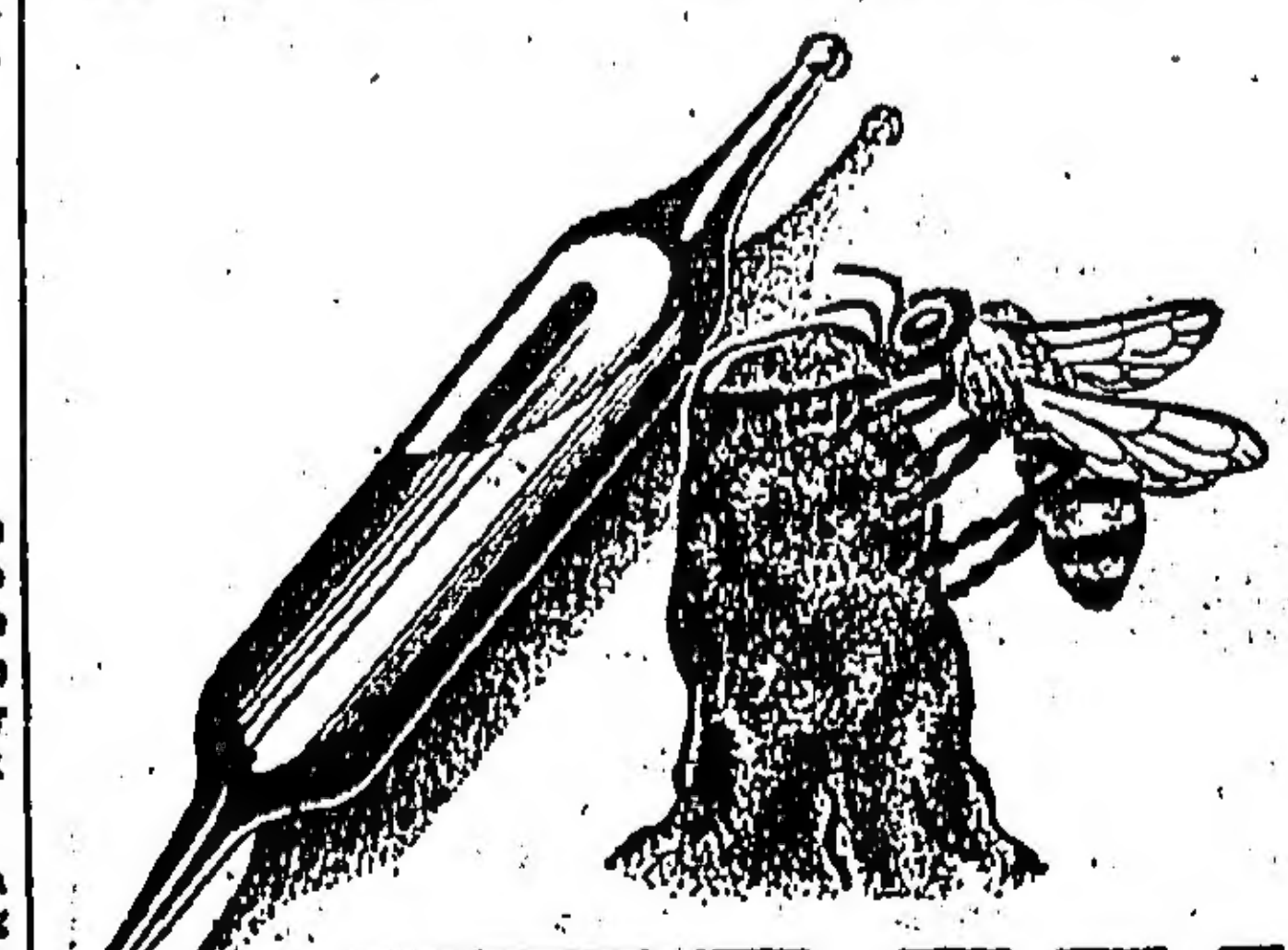
New York, Feb. 26. Frederic Loewe, 55, composer of the hit musical "My Fair Lady," suffered a coronary thrombosis in his hotel room early today and is in serious condition at a hospital, his office announced.

Loewe was stricken in his room at the Hotel Algonquin where he makes his home, his associate, Norman Rosencrantz, said.

He said he and Loewe's collaborator, Alan Jay Lerner, were both at Medical Arts Hospital with the composer.

Loewe was divorced many years ago and has no children, he said.—United Press.

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A.I.D.—AN OFFENCE? BIG DEBATE BY LORDS

London, Feb. 26.

A Government committee will investigate artificial insemination by donor — "the final step of the depersonalisation of sex" — Lord Kilmer, the Lord Chancellor, announced tonight.

Winding up a five-and-a-quarter hour House of Lords debate on A.I.D., Lord Kilmer, highest legal figure in the land, said the Government and Parliament would have to make up their minds whether the practice of artificial insemination was so harmful that it must be suppressed.

The Lord Chancellor warned that great care must be exercised before a new law creating fresh criminal offences in the field of private morality was enacted. The questions were whether A.I.D. should be prohibited, labelled as adultery, or made a ground for divorce. If it was not now adultery in the law, he said.

Earlier, an appeal judge declared that secret artificial insemination by a donor was a criminal conspiracy. "Let me make it clear that the child so produced is illegitimate," Lord Denning, a Lord of Appeal, told the House.

Lord Denning was speaking on a motion by Lord Blackford that artificial insemination of a married woman by a donor other than her husband without the husband's consent is tantamount to adultery, and should be sufficient grounds for divorce for reasons of adultery, and that all children so conceived are illegitimate.

Lord Denning continued: "If the wife and donor agree to keep secret the fact that the child is illegitimate and falsely to pretend that it is legitimate, they are guilty of a wicked conspiracy."

"If they do it without the knowledge or consent of the husband, it is a gross fraud on the husband."

A Fraud?

"If the husband knows and consents, it is no longer a fraud on him but isn't it a potential fraud on others?" "You will find that the fraudulent foisting off of a child as legitimate when it is not, has been held to be a conspiracy because it impedes the true course of descent."

Earlier, Lord Blackford said that conception through artificial insemination by a donor other than the husband without the husband's consent was a worse breach of the marriage contract than adultery.

"She has foisted an illegitimate child on an unwilling husband by bringing up for the rest of his life," he told the House.

Today's debate in the House of Lords climaxes a week-long argument in medical, religious and legal circles over the ethical and legal aspects of artificial insemination of a woman by a donor not the husband.

Lord Kilmer, the Lord Chancellor, will give the government's view at the end of today's debate.

The controversy has raged in Britain since an Edinburgh divorce court judge decided last month that artificial insemination by a donor without the husband's consent was not adultery — China Mail Special.

Pessimism Over Mediation Bid In Tunisia

By HAROLD KING

Paris, Feb. 26.

Diplomatic sources here were pessimistic today about the likely outcome of Mr Robert Murphy's "good offices" mission in the Franco-Tunisian dispute.

The American State Department representative is now engaged in talks with President Habib Bourguiba in trying to find a basis for the resumption of talks between France and Tunisia.

Officials here said it now looked as if the "good offices" would fail and the Franco-Tunisian dispute about the presence of French troops in Tunisia and the continued control of the Port Elizaria by the French would be thrown back into the lap of the United Nations.

Cuban Rebels' Bonfire Of Cheques

Havana, Feb. 26.

Six followers of Cuban rebel chief, Fidel Castro, slipped into the Cuban National Bank today and lit a bonfire with cheques which had been brought in from branch banks for payment.

The rebels, who did not take any money, said they belonged to the "July 26 revolutionary movement" which dramatically kidnapped world champion racing driver Juan Fangio last weekend to focus world attention on their movement.

The six rebels slipped easily into the bank's payments department, locked the staff in a single room and burned all available cheques after drenching them with gasoline.

Employees extinguished the blaze after the rebels had left. — France-Press.

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BETTER GET TWO RETURNS

Search For Babes In The Wood

Dijon, Feb. 26.
An army of 500 searchers still beat the snow-bound woods and fields tonight, but with ever decreasing hope, for two little boys missing from the village of Concoeur since yesterday.

Three-year-old Joseph Manginelli and his two-year-old brother Marius, the sons of a woodcutter, often wandered alone in the forest or sought out their father at his work.

When they disappeared yesterday afternoon, their parents alerted the authorities. Policemen, villagers, and volunteers all joined in the search. No trace of the children was found.

It was feared that they could not have survived last night's bitter cold and rain, and the snow that fell heavily over the area today. — France-Press.

BUILT IN 1800 B.C., RE-BUILT TODAY

London, Feb. 26.

The government rented a 70-ton crane today to reconstruct a three-stone monument built by man-power more than 27 centuries ago.

The three stones constituted a trilithon—two pillars with a lintel across the top. The trilithon was built about 1800 B.C. and stood until 1797 when it collapsed. For the past 181 years the stones—two of them weighing 45 tons and the third slightly less—have lain on their sides at Stonehenge on the Wiltshire Moors.

Some of the ancient writing has been worn off by thousands of tourists sitting on them. Sir Charles Moore, who will direct the reconstruction, said US\$23,000 has been appropriated for the project.

"It leaves one with a certain sense of humility that we are not finding easy a job that our ancestors carried out with just manpower and crude rope in 1800 B.C.," he said. — United Press.

US\$10 MILLION**FOR ATOM****FUEL RESEARCH**

Chicago, Feb. 26.

The United States Atomic Energy Commission today authorized a US\$10 million project aimed at discovering how to adapt the highly radioactive atomic explosive plutonium for use as fuel in atomic reactors. The Commission announced it had authorized its Argonne national laboratory near here to construct a fuels technology centre, where attempts will be made to harness plutonium, a by-product of present-day nuclear reactors using natural uranium and Uranium 235, for peaceful purposes.

If experiments at the centre prove successful, the implications would have a powerful effect on the future of atomic fuels and reactors. — Reuters.

"New" Legation

Vatican City, Feb. 26.

A new legation of the United Arab Republic to the Holy See has been formed to replace the legations of Egypt and Syria here, it was announced today. — United Press.

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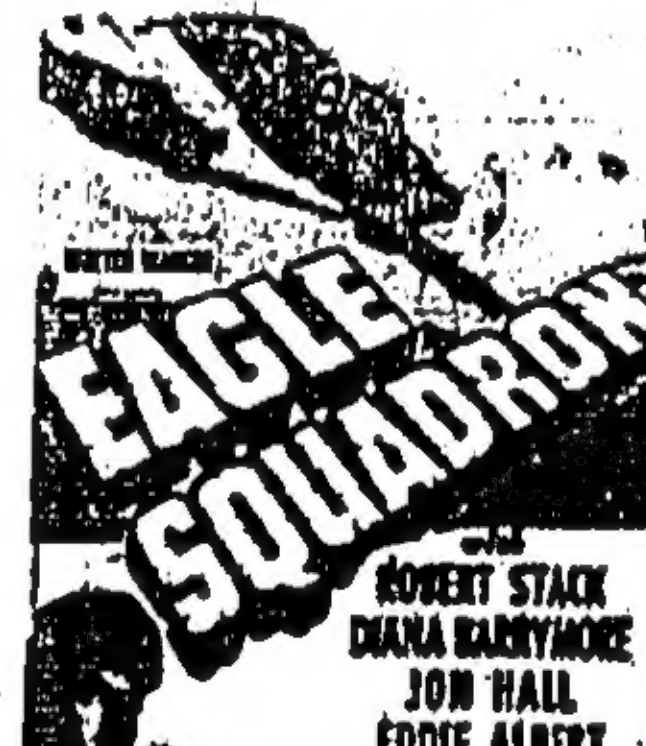
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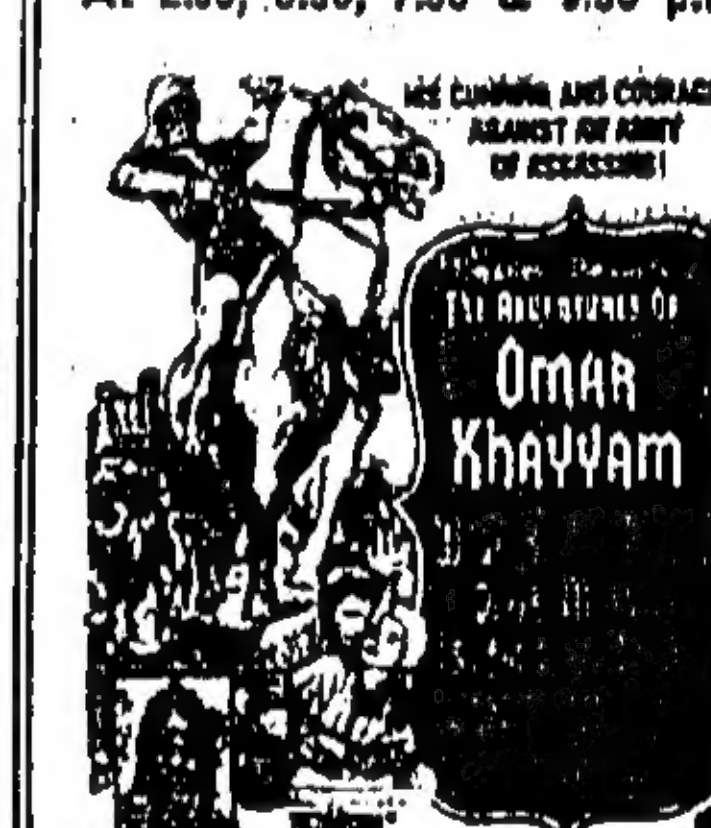
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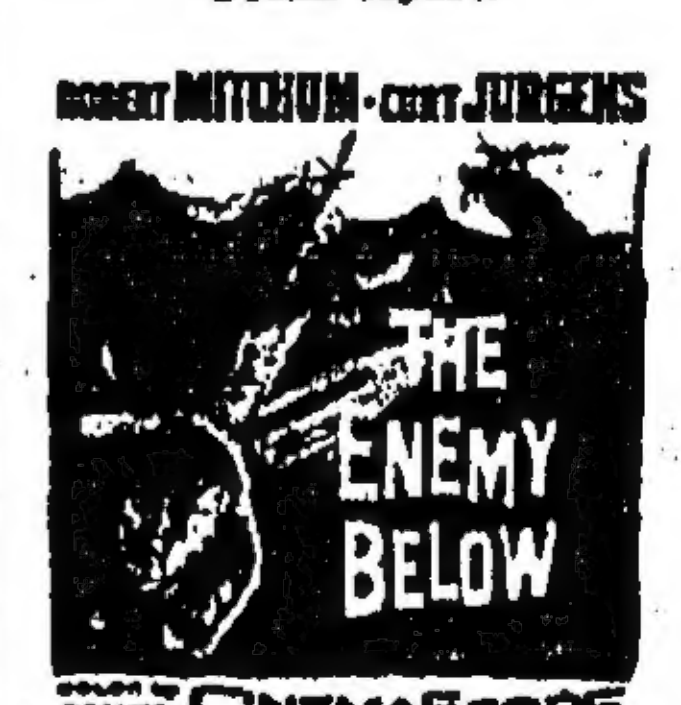
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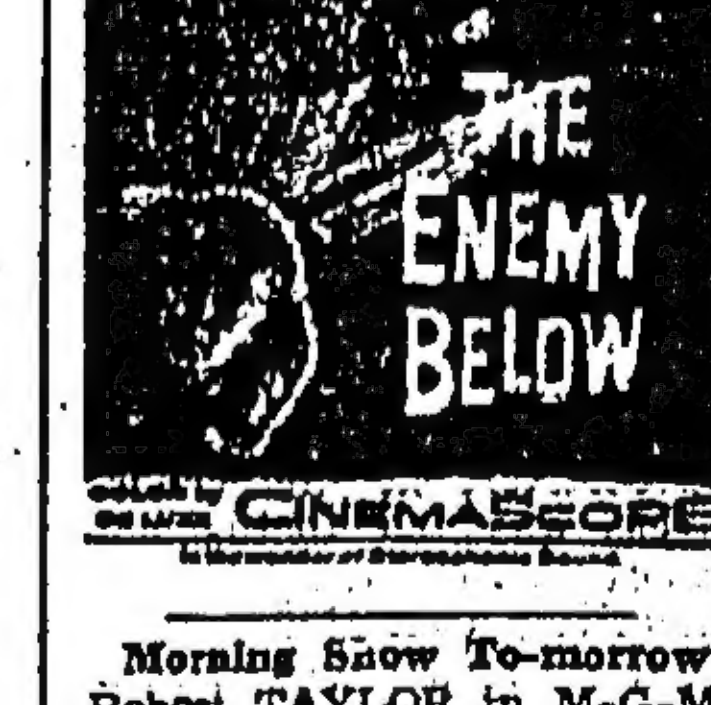
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CABLE BRIEFS

Burlington, Feb. 26.
Student Mary Cole, 17, passed Britain's official driving test yesterday in a 1938 Renault painted blue with white stripes. "The only trouble was when I had to do an emergency stop," she said. "The Duchess of Devonshire—that's what we call the car—skidded, almost across the road."—United Press.

London, Feb. 26.
A judge ruled yesterday that a trim ankle was worth £1,000. Mrs. Joan de La Salle, 27, was awarded the money as damages from a motorcyclist who knocked her down. She charged the incident resulted in permanent thickening of her ankle.—United Press.

Worthing, Feb. 26.
Nursemaid Robert H. Leach paid a £10 penalty today for inflicting a fire tree. Leach was assessed a fine, plus compensation and costs, for fusing acid into the base of the trunk to make it rot. He said he hoped the damazo would prompt the local council to cut the top from the tree on grounds it was dangerous, because he was frightened it might blow down on his and his mother-in-law's property.—United Press.

London, Feb. 26.
An SPCA inspector testified yesterday that goldfish get sick. The testimony resulted in Mrs. Alice Fox losing a bid to open a pet shop in nearby Wimbledon. She was turned down after the inspector said that moving goldfish from the unattended shop at night and back in the morning would make them sick.—United Press.

Cleethorpes, Feb. 26.
A "School for Sweethearts" will open here next month. Its organisers said it was planned to help couples beat wedding-day nerves.—United Press.

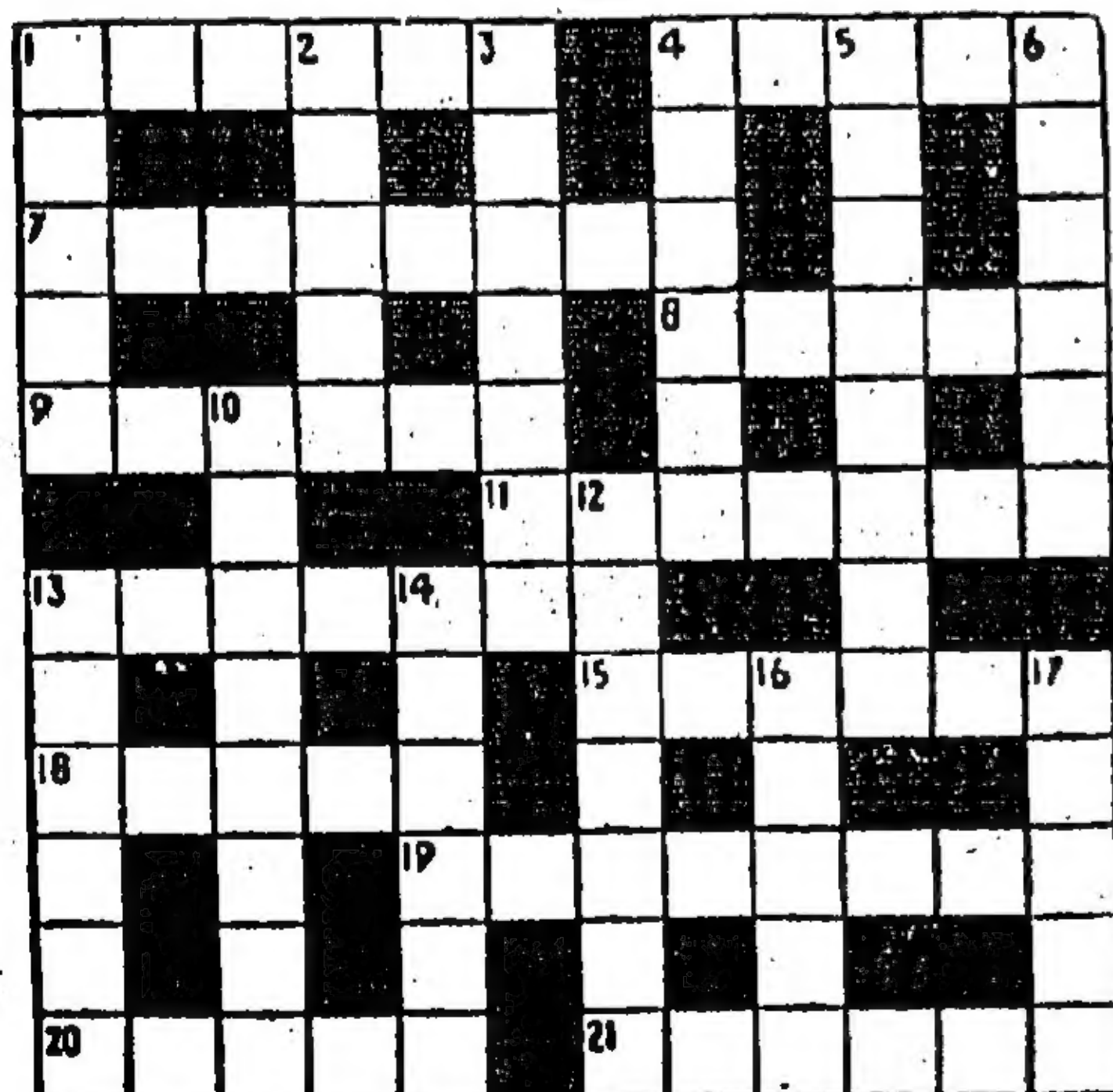
Cromer, Feb. 26.
Police constable James Woodcock gave Miss Vera Rice a lecture for illegal parking, then apologised when he learned she was a town councillor and his boss. Yesterday they were married.—United Press.

Liverpool, Feb. 26.
A Liverpool firm reported today that it sent a pillowcase stuffed with one and five-pound notes to a paper mill for pulp by mistake. Mill worker Jimmy Brauden spotted them, shredded, when what at first looked like a cloud of feathers fluttered from a machine.—United Press.

Crown Prince

Cairo, Feb. 26.
Yemenite Crown Prince, Sult El Islam Mohammed El Badr, is due to arrive here tomorrow to resume talks with the Egyptian authorities on bringing his country into federation with the United Arab Republic, the Middle East news agency reported tonight.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
1 Drawing the line? (6).
2 Gem of a girl (5).
3 Turns the tape over? (8).
4 He's such a fool (5).
5 What's to be done (6).
6 Topper's bouquet? (7).
7 Stumbling excursionist (7).
8 Was very rude (6).
9 She starts to clip (5).
10 Men often above our heads (8).
11 Faithful follower (5).
12 "2's" country (6).
- DOWN**
1 Dance with a peculiar graduate? (5).
2 Famous dramatist (6).
3 Relevant Teutonic letter (7).
4 Flower sprays (6).
5 Cuts the work of a writer (8).
6 In the end (6).
7 The height of fame (8).
8 Speech (7).
9 Ornamental dependent (6).
10 Put on show (6).
11 Talk like an extremist? (6).
12 Unpolished (6).

WEDNESDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 1 Agony, 2 Ill-will, 3 Slave, 4 Iris, 5 I'm press, 6 Item, 7 Gong, 8 Dastard, 9 Anon, 10 Sprat, 11 Geniel, 12 REME, 13 Hide, 14 Ditties, 15 Fast, 16 Slay, 17 Rebent, 18 Rock, 19 Down, 20 Grogan, 21 As-sign, 4 Trid, 5 Lemmas, 6 Worr, 7 Loner, 12 Gang, 13 Noun, 15 Acre, 16 Date, 17 Sobest, 20 Preter, 21 Amused, 22 Exile, 24 Tilt-bo, 25 Lists.

"Merger Will Be Dispersed Like Leaves In The Wind" Nasser Flays Iraq & Jordan

Experts Disarm Bomb In Berlin

Berlin, Feb. 26.
Explosives experts today disarmed a 500-pound war-time British bomb found yesterday by building workers in the heart of West Berlin.

About 650 persons who lived within a 200-yard radius of the bomb, were evacuated and spent the night in emergency quarters.

The bomb was disarmed by Gerhard Raebiger, who has worked on more than 6,000 bombs found here since the war.

For his dangerous work he gets US\$275 a month.

"This is one of the most dangerous types of bombs," he said before disarming it.

Asked how he felt he said: "How do you feel when you go to work?"

In the last 12 years in Berlin nine demolition experts have been killed and 10 others seriously injured.

"Each one of these bombs is dangerous," Raebiger said. They all are delayed action bombs which somehow failed to go off within the prescribed time limit after they were dropped in the war.

"Berlin literally is sitting on hundreds of time bombs," that could go off at any moment."

New bombs often are discovered when ground is cleared for construction. About two are found per week.

"We have no way of knowing when our work will be finished," Raebiger said. "It might take 50 years to find all the bombs."—United Press.

Ratings Missing

London, Feb. 26.
The Admiralty announced this evening that two ratings are missing, presumed drowned, and a third has died on board the destroyer Alamein, as a result of being thrown into the water when the falls of the ship's motor cutter parted. The Alamein was on patrol off Cyprus.—France-Press.

Friendship Pact

Jerusalem, Feb. 26.
Israel and the Philippines signed a friendship treaty in Manila today, the Foreign Ministry announced. A Ministry spokesman termed the treaty "a further step in strengthening friendly relations."—United Press.

PACT OPPOSES UNION OF SYRIA AND EGYPT

Cairo, Feb. 26.

President Nasser tonight described the Federation of Iraq and Jordan as a "false federation" which would be "dispersed like dried leaves in the wind."

He said in a speech here that the Federation was aimed at opposing the Syrian-Egyptian Union. This is the first time that President Nasser has publicly criticised the Iraqi-Jordanian merger, which followed closely the proclamation of the Syrian-Egyptian Union.

President Nasser who was addressing cheering crowds from the balcony of the State Guest House, compared "false Arab federations" with the Egyptian-Syrian Union.

He said: "Our Union is genuine, springing from the very will of the people and from a free Arab idea."

"It does not aim at private interest but at the people's rule. Our Union shall bring together the whole Arab nation whether they like it or not, because this is the will of the Arab people on every spot of Arab land."

Bagdad Pact

President Nasser added: "You may ask about the reason for our opposition to the Bagdad Pact."

"It is not because it is called the Bagdad Pact but because we wanted it to be an Arab pact, for the Arabs, springing from them, working for their interests. We would have been the first to welcome it had it been such."

"We were proud of Bagdad and the name of Bagdad and of Iraq and its people."

"But we opposed and fought the Bagdad Pact because it represents foreign influence and domination in this area."—Reuters.

Artists And Writers Told To "Produce" More

London, Feb. 26.
Mr Chou Yang, vice-chief of the Propaganda Department of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, urged 2,000 writers and artists in Shanghai yesterday to respond to the nationwide upsurge that was showing itself in all fields of production, the New China News Agency reported today.

Mr Chou, who is also the Vice-Minister of Culture, said that writers and artists should not only portray but also help to stimulate the current production campaign in their works.

They should use the weapon of literature and art to help the people rid themselves of Capitalist ideas and to spread Socialist thinking, he added.

The Agency said that Mr Chou asked writers and artists to go to the villages and factories and bring their own thinking and feeling close to that of the working people.

Attention should also be paid to amateur work in literature and the arts produced by the masses of people. It was not enough to leave the flourishing of literature and the arts to just a few people, Mr Chou added.—Reuters.

Seamen Drown

London, Feb. 26.
Six seamen lost their lives last night when a tugboat towing two lighters ran into heavy weather at the mouth of the River Thames.

The tug ran ashore with the two lighters in the sudden storm which raged off the East Coast. One body has been recovered.—France-Press.

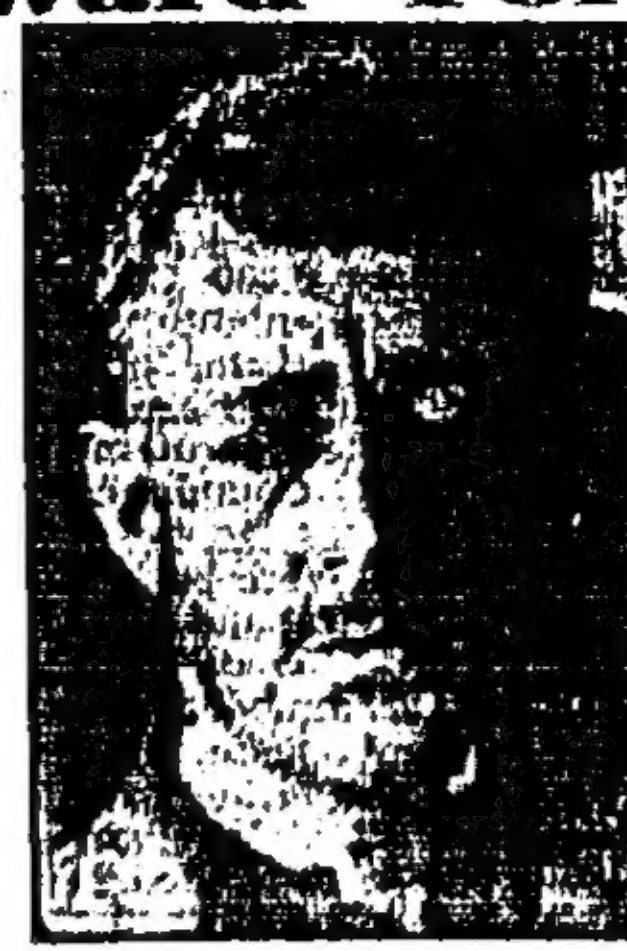
Press Award For Guinness

Hollywood, Feb. 26.
The Hollywood foreign press corps today voted British actor Alec Guinness the best actor of the year for his performance in "Bridge on the River Kwai," filmed in Ceylon.

The film, produced by Sam Spiegel, also won the award as the year's best picture, and its British director, David Lean, was awarded the Golden Globe for the most outstanding directorial job.

The awards were among 31 Hollywood Foreign Press Association trophies handed to members of the motion picture and television industry tonight at a star-studded gala banquet at the Ambassador Hotel.

Joanne Woodward received the award of best dramatic actress of the year for her role in "Three Faces of Eve." The awards for best acting in a musical or comedy went to Frank Sinatra ("Pal Joey") and Kay Kendall ("Lee Girls") respectively.—United Press.



Alec Guinness

Police Use Tank In Battle With Madman

Toulouse, France, Feb. 26.

Police crashed a 10-ton tank into a besieged farm house north of here today and discovered the body of a crazed hermit who had killed one policeman and wounded another in a 48-hour gun battle.

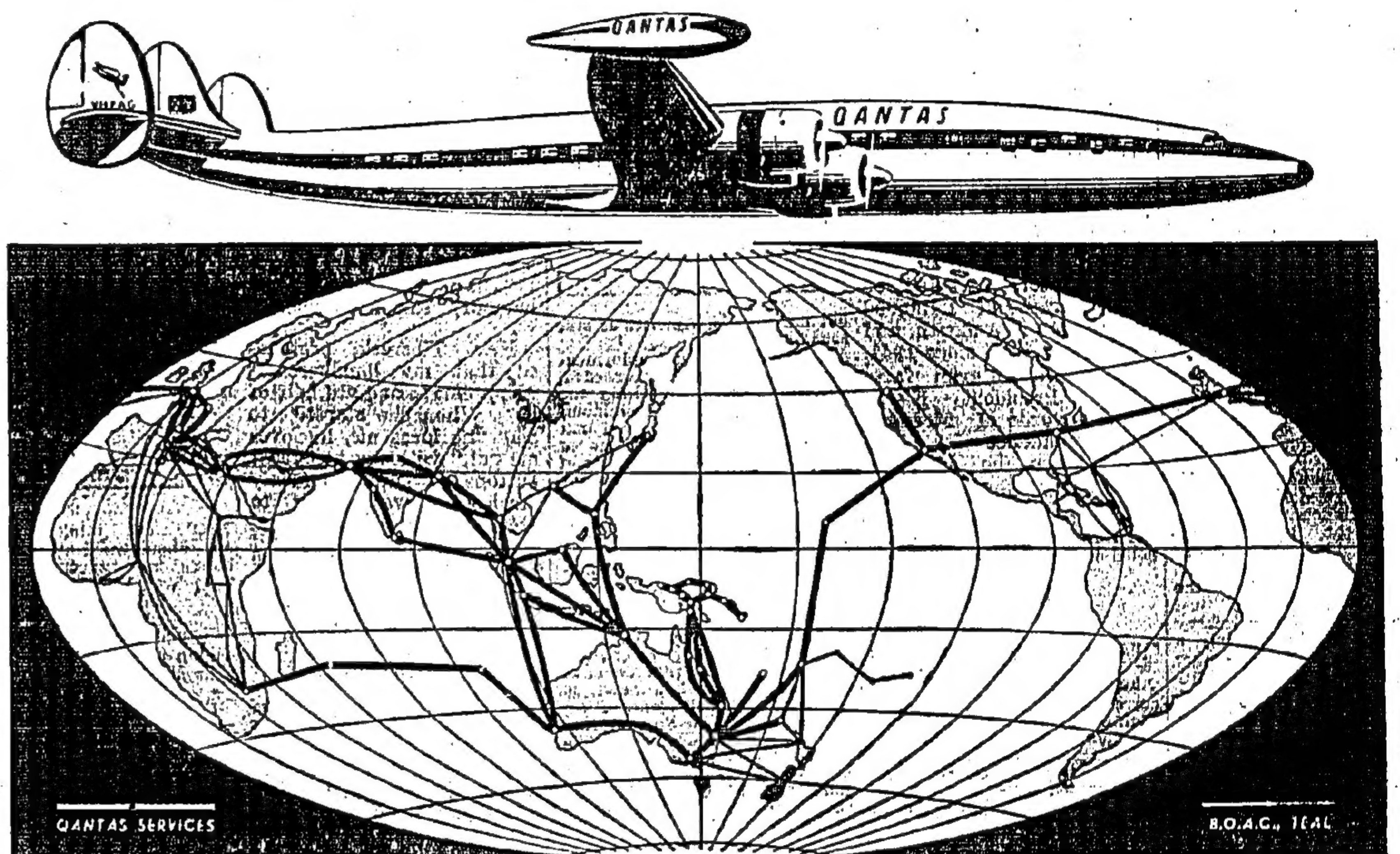
Police used tear gas, rifle and submachine gun fire and the tank in their battle against Pierre Manent, 52, who fought desperately against constables who came to take him to a mental hospital.

Cause of his death was not determined at once. Police said he either was shot or was killed when the tank rammed into the farm house and brought the building down around him. No sound had been heard from the building since the tank began its work yesterday.

His body was found when the tank returned to action this

morning, followed by police-men holding submachine guns. The battle began on Monday when constables and hospital attendants arrived at Manent's home at Castries in Brande, 45 miles northwest of here, to take him to the institution. His neighbours had charged he had "terrorised" them for months with wild threats of violent death.

They said he went out of his mind after his mother died three years ago and left him in debt. He lost the farm to a neighbour two months ago, but had continued living there pending transfer of the property.—United Press.



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ANNIVERSARY STORY

Reichstag Fire—

ON the cold, dark evening of February 27, 1933, the historic Parliament Chamber in Berlin, the Reichstag, was gutted by fire.

Hitler and his ruthless National-Socialists, on the threshold of power, were determined to sway the electorate at all costs.

Hindenburg was still head of the State but the Reichstag elections were to be held on March 5.

Floer, a philosophy student, was on his way to his lodgings from Berlin University when he skirted the black bulk of the Reichstag building at about 9 o'clock. Turning right at the south-west corner, he hurried along the glistening pavement, now thinly encrusted with snow.

Looking up, he was startled to see the dim figure of a man, waving a burning object, on the first floor balcony outside the large window to the right of the central portal.

Running excitedly towards the far end of the darkened building, the student told a policeman what he had seen. The constable seemed unable to grasp the situation and Floer was far too hungry to argue. He went home to supper.

Meanwhile, another passer-by had also seen the prowler on the balcony and informed a police-sergeant, Buwert. It was then 9.50 p.m.

It was then that they saw a flickering light moving from window to window of the ground floor.

Following the light along, Thier another passer-by yelled to the sergeant to shoot at the fourth window. Buwert fired his revolver and the light vanished.

Inside the building, Scranowitz, a house inspector, and a junior officer had been searching for possible incendiaries in the maze of rooms around the Session Chamber. Constable Poeschel, also on the prowl, met Scranowitz just outside the Chamber. They looked in at 9.22, scarcely a minute after Latell, another officer, had seen only two or three small fires. Now, there were 30 to 40 separate fires and the benches were burning fiercely. The two men rushed through an avenue of flames into an ante-room, Bismarck Hall.

There, crouching in the shadows, was a perspiring man, clad only in trousers and torn shoes. He made no effort to escape and responded at once to Poeschel's order "Hands up!" The excited Scranowitz struck the man with his fist while the constable pinned his arms and searched him. In his hip-pocket was a Dutch passport bearing the name, Marinus Van

der Lubbe. Poeschel hurried off to the Police station with his captive.

While the arrest was being made, more firemen had poured into the building and Fire Captain Klotz reached the Session Chamber at 9.24. A great blast of heat sent him reeling back. He could hardly see the benches through a thick gaseous haze. Hastily, he called for reinforcements.

At 9.27, the moment of the Dutchman's capture, the gases ignited. A slow muffled explosion shattered the glass dome above the Chamber and a sheet of flame shot upwards into the open air. Smoke and sparks poured out over the Königsplatz and the Tiergarten. Heavy brick walls prevented the fire

from spreading to all parts of the building, but the Chamber itself was completely gutted.

Leaders of the Nazi Party who rushed to the scene spoke angrily of "this Communist outrage". Hitler declared that the fire was "a sign from Heaven to show who we should have come to, if these gentry had gained power. Now we shall see where the danger lies... The German people can rest assured that I shall save it from this danger."

Hermann Göring, President of the Reichstag, lost no time in seeking out the "criminals". Storm-troopers joined the police in arresting nearly 5,000 Communists during a night of terror. Next day, Hitler prevailed on Hindenburg to sign a decree "for the protection of the nation from the Communist menace".

Soon, the prisons were packed with dazed suspects and concentration camps were established to accommodate the overflow. Vital "documentary evidence" of a nation-wide Communist insurrection was "found" but never published.

When, on March 23, 1933, the Reichstag passed a Bill making Hitler the virtual Dictator of Germany, the 81 Communists who had won seats at the elections could not vote. They were all in prison.

WALL ST. BLUES...

UNEMPLOYMENT IN THE U.S. REACHES 4,500,000... BUT THE AMERICAN HEART IS STILL BEATING STRONGLY

New York. UNITED STATES unemployment figures show the huge total of 4,494,000—an increase of 1,120,000 unemployed in a month, and the highest total since 1941.

These are the grim facts behind President Eisenhower's words of strength and confidence for the nation when he said, in effect:

"Have faith in America. Don't sell America short. There's not going to be a depression."

Going up.

THE psychological lift which his statement gave to an America worried over the current recession was spelt slightly by the fact that Mr. Eisenhower and his wife promptly went off for yet another holiday trip to Georgia—this time for ten days.

There are no headlines in New York State at the moment, but there are long lines outside the Government assistance offices, and they get longer.

Senator Gore, of Tennessee, declares flatly that, breadlines are forming all over his State. "I don't think it will come down to soup kitchens and hunger marches. There's a good deal of calamity-howling and panic talk in this election year,

from DON IDDON

but the heart of America is still sound.

The figure of unemployment which, it is estimated, will reach 5,000,000 within the next few weeks, is ominous. But it must be remembered that America has a labour force of nearly 67,000,000 men and women. Britain's biggest unemployment figure during the depression was more than 2,000,000, but America's was 11,000,000 and more.

Eisenhower, in what his political opponents describe as a crisis in emergency statement, said: "From the best advice I can get and, on my own study of the facts regularly placed before me, I believe that we have had most of our bad news on the unemployment front. I am convinced that we are not facing a prolonged downswing in activity. Every indication is that March will commence to see the start of a pick-up, provided we apply ourselves with confidence to the job ahead."

Closing down

IT is unfortunate that the President's advisers have such little skill with words. A phrase such as "March will commence to see the start of a pick-up" is confusing to a harassed public and poor comfort to the jobless.

The Stock Market has been pessimistic for months. Wall Street is full of woe.

Signs of the slump are evident all over the country. There were more bankruptcies last year than ever before in America's history.

Motor-car sales are down drastically. I've been shopping for a new car this week as my old one has done 65,000 miles. Car salesmen were all very frank. "This is the time to buy. You'll never get a bigger allowance on your old car and we are willing to slash prices on any model you want," they said.

The President's \$2,000,000,000 construction programme, will help to beat the slide. The money will be spent on enlarging, replacing, and completing more than 14,500 post office buildings. No one will grumble about this project, as the United States post office is extremely inefficient by British standards. And they won't complain about similar or bigger sums being spent if it halts the slump. Cabinet members have failed to stress that the Government's programme to spend more than \$50,000,000,000 in cash this year is almost a guarantee against a real depression.

President Eisenhower promises action. I think it rather significant that he will be the guest in Georgia of Mr. George Humphrey, the former Secretary of the Treasury, who once said that unless firm measures are taken then there could be a "depression that would make your hair curl."

WILFRED FIENBURGH, M.P., journalist and wit, wrote this—his last article—just before the car crash which caused his death

Are we really fair to our horses?

I HAVE reached an understanding with horses. I will guarantee to any horse that I will not climb on its back providing the horse agrees not to climb on mine. This makes things equal between us and satisfactory to all parties. It saves the horse the trouble of knocking me off and saves me a couple of weeks in bed.

In principle, though, and from a safe distance, I am devoted to horses. So when I was invited to watch Tiberetta, a Grand National favourite, in training, I accepted on condition that I was insured against being bitten, kicked, leaped against, or attacked by horse fleas.

I need not have worried. For Tiberetta, I found, was a whimsical mare with a placid eye.

When I met her she was patiently trying to sit on her manger. She was finding it rather difficult because she is as big as the side of a bus and the manger measured 2ft. by 1ft. 6in.

"I think," I said, "she is pretending to be a hen."

"That's just her sense of humour," said her owner.

Next Tiberetta pretended that my handkerchief was a carrot and ate half of it. When she started to play "he loves me, he loves me not," with my waistcoat buttons I was suddenly afraid she was going to pretend to be a kitten and climb on to my lap. So I terminated the interview.

The trouble with big pets such as these is that they are almost as lethal when playful as when actively hostile.

I learned to ride on a horse called Rex, who subsequently went potty. He was all right when I started with him, but after a few weeks she began to wear a puzzled frown whenever I mounted.

He was too old and dignified to make a violent protest, so he would sway backwards and forwards, moaning softly. But when he tried to brush me off and roll over—with me underneath.

Her points

AT first I thought this was just a little joke, this famous equine sense of humour. But when he tried to brush me off against low slung branches I realised he was playing a subtler game. He was pretending not to like me, and, actually, he was becoming quite convincing.

But the mare Tiberetta was all my friendliness as her owner went over her points.

"Splendid hocks," he said. I nodded, not daring to tell him that to me a hock is something that comes from a long, slender bottle and is taken liberally

with wienerschütz and sauerkraut.

"Massive shoulders," he said. "Enormous teeth," I murmured, and stepped farther back.

It is not for me to tell the trainer of a horse like Tiberetta, who came third in last year's National, how to set about his work. But as I watched the horses at their training I noticed that they did not practise jumping.

No jumping

NOW one thing I do know about the National is that horses are expected to jump. So I would have thought that they would spend their days leaping about, starting off with a few bounds over a canal and ending with a hop or two over a haystack.

I put this to the trainer: "When do they practise jumping?" I asked. "Never," he said.

"Practically never," he said. "We teach them how to jump when they are young and from then on they just jump. They don't need practice."

Now this struck me as being a monstrous deception. Look at it this way. Here is a horse setting out one fine day with a man on his back. For weeks he has not practised jumping. Then suddenly he finds Becher's Brook in front of him.

At this stage the really smart horse would say: "I was not prepared for this. It was not in the contract. I will not jump it. I will get down on my knees and curl underneath."

I feel the horse would be on a good thing here. I put the case again to the trainer.

"Don't worry," he said. "If the horse is a jumper he'll jump."

I realised in a flash that he was right. Once I was on a parliamentary delegation to Jordan and we were invited to visit a place called Petra, a

ghost town which had been lost to the world for 1,000 years.

When we were told that to reach Petra we would have to ride Arab Legion gillions for 50 miles across the desert I let it be known that for me, Petra could stay lost for another 1,000 years.

When I had stopped trembling I found myself on a horse. And I discovered that it was quite easy really.

The horse knew the way and needed no help from me, so I let the reins dangle on his neck. "Look," I said, "no hands."

Then before us appeared a small crack in the earth. I was so confident that I was lighting a cigarette at the time. Suddenly the stallion left the ground without warning and the desert flashed by a long way below me. I grabbed at bits of horse but it was too late—the desert rose and hit me in several places.

I picked myself up and shook the sand out of my ears.

"So sorry," said the Arab Legion officer gaily. "I should have warned you that Mustapha is a natural jumper. Most horses would have walked over that tiny crack in the earth. But not our Mustapha. He just loves to jump."

"If Mustapha is such a clever jumper," I said bitterly, "may now take a running jump at himself. From now on I ride a camel."

Despite all this I am still fascinated by horses, and after an hour with Tiberetta, I reckoned myself a pretty sharp judge of horse flesh. I began to walk with a slight roll like a grounded cowboy, and I chewed a straw as we strolled across a paddock to interview a couple of foals.

They galloped towards us, and desperately I prayed that their brakes were in good working order. They stopped with inches to spare. I came out gingerly from behind a tree.

"One of them is very promising," said the trainer.

"And the other?" I asked.

"The other is a foal from a couple of our farm horses. We keep them together for company."

"I can see the difference," I said. I tapped one of them on the back end. "This one has splendid hocks."

The trainer nodded. "And massive shoulders," he nodded again.

"Looks like a good hard horse," I added knowledgeably. "Should do well over the jumps."

"Yes," said the trainer. "As long as the plough does not get in the way. That's the young cart horse you are stroking."

Her humour

SO you can't really tell after all. Horses are pretty much alike... a head, a tail, and a leg at each corner. Still I have faith in Tiberetta and I hope she wins the National. She has splendid hocks. She has massive shoulders. And she has a sense of humour.

And thinking of the jumps in the Grand National I reckon she needs it.

ROUND-UP

BERLIN

A TOP secret order issued to members of West Germany's military intelligence organisation lays down the following rules:

1. They will not visit public houses, drinking halls, places of entertainment or restaurants in groups or parties;
2. As a matter of principle, they will refrain from getting drunk in public;
3. In the event of their violating these rules the senior officer present will be held responsible for all consequences. He will also be responsible for ensuring that no matters connected with the service are discussed in public.

According to the news magazine Der Spiegel, these orders follow a somewhat unconventional party attended by West German intelligence staff men in a Cologne night spot called "Hamburg Ahoi!"

It is said that the party-goers heatedly debated certain personnel changes in the upper ranks of their office while pouring down a good measure of strong drink.

They drank so much and quarrelled so loudly that the people at other tables overheard fascinating details concerning "sources", "shadows", "safe houses", and much else concerning the secret service.

Der Spiegel reports that the debate ended in a drunken fight.

Millhand — soldier — M.P. — humorist

THE M.P. WHO LAUGHED AT HIMSELF

By IAN AITKEN

WILFRED FIENBURGH, Socialist M.P. for North Islington, who died recently was a politician of energy, ability and conviction.

But, through his writings, he was perhaps even better known as a humorist.

He laughed — and laughed uproariously — at almost everything. Most of all at himself. Not long ago he wrote an article entitled, "If the Spirit of anyone it will be me."

And in it said, "I must, I think, be accident prone. I have just listed the accidents in my 38 years. It is a grim and distressing list..."

Tragically, there was just one more to be added.

His sense of humour was often his worst enemy. Many of his critics accepted his portrait of himself as a cynical, swashbuckling politician.

They were wrong. He was sensitive, sympathetic, hard-working: a devoted constituency M.P.

Once wounded Fienburgh (pronounced Feenburgh) grew up in Bradford, a Yorkshire millworker's son.

He began work at 10 as a millhand. But a year later he learned his Left Wing politics the hard way—as one of the army of unemployed.

In 1939 he joined another Army — as a rifleman in the Rifle Brigade.

A year later he was commissioned. He emerged, once wounded, from the war as a general staff major.

His political career began first as a union official. But soon he was head of the Socialist Party's research office. And in 1951 he became an M.P.

In 1955 he accepted a big new job as political adviser to the Granada TV organisation.

But then he threw up most of his money-making activities and went back to the hard but satisfying toil of research work in the East End of London.

And that was how he died. He was returning to his farmhouse at Hemel Hempstead, to his young wife and four children, after a heavy Saturday morning's shovelling housing in East London.

His car swerved and hit a lamp standard. He never opened his eyes again.

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BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

A MYSTERIOUS new boy at Narkover aroused suspicion by his sophisticated way of talking to the masters. Inquiries were started and the boy turned out to be a man of 43 who is wanted by the police.

The fact that he is the son of a history master at the school, who coached him for the part, has complicated matters. Dr. Smart-Allick said: "The fact that a man who is wanted by the police should imagine that Narkover is the last place they would look for him is flattering to us, but rather unrealistic. The father's loyalty to his son is very touching, and is understandable when one recalls that he himself was on the run for almost the entire summer term two years ago."

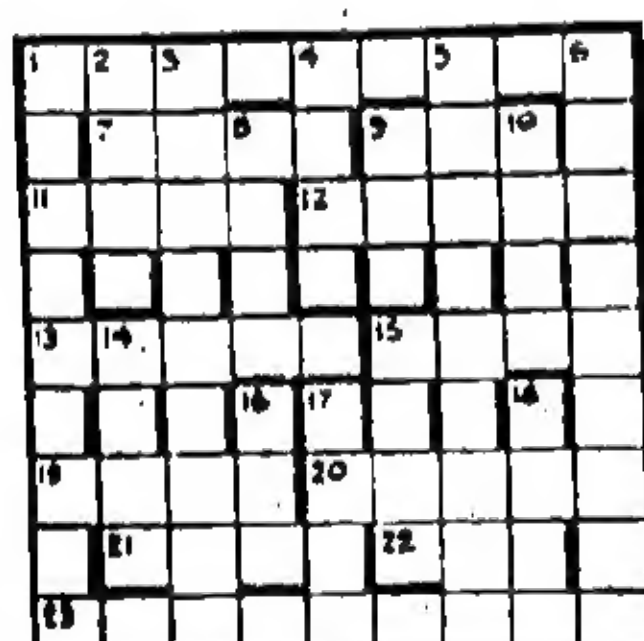
Hiya, Ibsen!

"CULTURE and light entertainment," says a critic, "can easily be combined on the radio programmes." If he means what I hope he means, we shall have a lot of Swedish chamber music of the fourteenth century, and a talk on Goldoni (or Holbach) will be enlivened by the witty interruptions of a comedian.

Dagger in the Dark (5)

IN order to confuse the seething mob of agents, Shuttleford made use of an old trick. He made a sign to a Bulgarian horse-coper, waggling the fingers of his left hand. This was noted by a Rumanian gipsy, who held up three fingers as a sign.

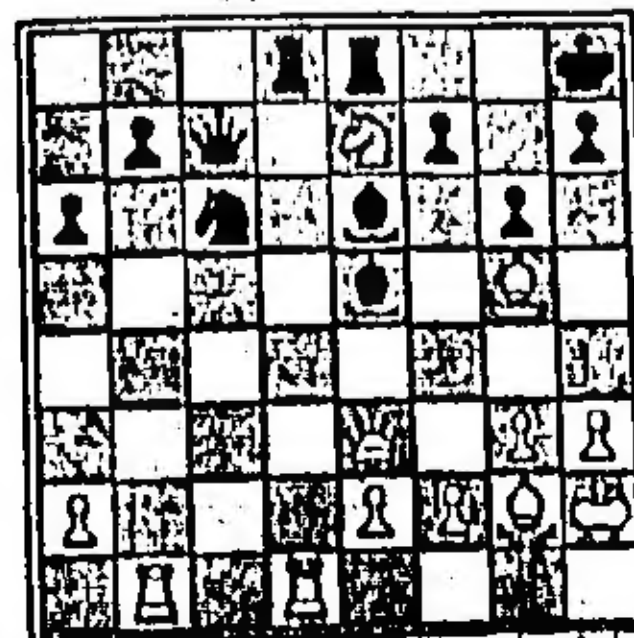
CROSSWORD



- Across:
1. Tella. (9) 7. Woolsack. (4)
9. Bump up. (3) 11. Out. (4)
12. Michael. (10) 13. (10)
14. (10) 15. (10)
16. (10) 17. (10)
18. (10) 19. (10)
20. (10)
Down:
1. Mark. (9)
2. Russian name. (4)
3. (4) 4. Hole. (4)
5. Army description. (9)
6. Guards. (4)
7. Roman emperor. (4)
8. In a (4)
9. (4)
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CHESS

By LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win.
London Express Service

JACOBY
ON BRIDGEWrong Discard
Sets Declarer

By OSWALD JACOBY

WEST opened the deuce of diamonds. East won with the king and returned the ten spot. He hoped to force dummy to ruff but South jumped up with the queen and was able to discard from dummy.

Unfortunately for South he chose the wrong discard. He got rid of the deuce of spades.

Let's see what happened to South from then on. He led a trump and went up with dummy's queen. East took the king and now forced dummy to ruff another diamond lead. South took his ace of trumps and played three rounds of clubs, trumping the third lead.

His next play was the queen of spades which held the trick. He had to play dummy's ace on the next spade lead and East trumped. Now East had a fourth diamond and South could trump

NORTH			
♠ A 8 5 2	♥ Q 7 5 2	♦ 3	♣ A K 9 8 3
WEST (D)			
♠ K 8 5 4 3	♥ J 4	♦ J 8 5 2	♣ 5 2
EAST			
♠ K 10 8	♥ A K 10 9 4	♦ Q 10 8 7	♣ J 4
SOUTH			
♠ Q J 10 9	♥ A 9 8 3	♦ Q 7 6	♣ J 4
Both vulnerable			
West	North	East	South
Pass	1 ♠	1 ♥	1 ♣
2 ♦	3 ♥	Pass	4 ♥
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ 2			

In either hand but he had to lose another trick. If he trumped in his own hand one of dummy's two clubs would be a loser and if he trumped in dummy he would have to lose one of his two spades.

If South had foreseen the whole play he would have let a club go from dummy at trick two. Then when he got around to playing the spade suit he would not have had to play dummy's ace until the third lead. If East trumped the second spade lead he would be trumping a little one (not the ace) and if he waited for the ace dealer would make his 10 tricks anyway.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1 ♥ Double 1 N.T. Pass
2 ♥ Pass
You, South, hold:
♠ K 3 2 ♠ Q 8 5 ♠ A 8 6 ♠ J 9 3 2

What do you do?
A—Bid three hearts. You must invite a game but are not quite strong enough to bid it yourself.

TODAY'S QUESTION
You hold the same hand. Instead of bidding two hearts your partner has passed and East has bid two diamonds. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

BORN today, you have a strong imagination and the ability to put it to work in one of the creative arts. It is likely that literature, especially drama, will appeal to you most of all. You appear to have a restless, wandering nature which craves to know all kinds of exciting experiences. But underneath this is a strong vein of practical, good common sense which helps you put your ideas into concrete form.

You have what amounts to a passion for continual activity. You want to be doing something all the time. Sometimes it doesn't matter too much where you are going, just so long as you are doing it. You are not the type who works well under others but must be able to work at your own speed and under your own direction. Consequently, one of the arts or professions should be your selection of a life work. Any kind of monotonous routine is deadly to you.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Promote and advertise your project. This is a fine selling day. Wind up a successful month's activities.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Just for a change, try doing some of the things that are fun rather than driving yourself to do more work.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Make plans for the coming spring activities, especially if you are dealing professionally with the public.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Domestic life may come up for careful consideration. If the budget needs revising, do it now!

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Take a personal interest in neighborhood affairs and you will find that it widens your horizon.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Be helpful to another by being your satisfaction and joy to someone you love. Pay a hospital visit, perhaps.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may hear of a good job opening today. It might pay to investigate. Consult with the family for approval.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There can be romance in the air if you are seeking it. Have a pleasant day socially. You can have fun!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—It may be time to take a short trip to a loved one. Plan carefully for a busy month ahead.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23)—Some member of your family may be appearing before the public. Show a co-operative spirit and benefit from it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 24-Jan. 20)—Business affairs show a short-term tendency. Be alert to new seasonal opportunities. Advance your interest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Be practical in personal issues that may concern others outside the family circle. A co-operative spirit pays.

WOMANSENSE
ROYAL ART—AT THE AGE OF EIGHT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

The year was 1874. In Britain's Windsor Castle, the eight-year-old grandson of Queen Victoria—he was later to become King George V—put down on paper the sketch pictured here.

Now, 84 years later, his sketch is coming up for sale in Sotheby's auction rooms in London.

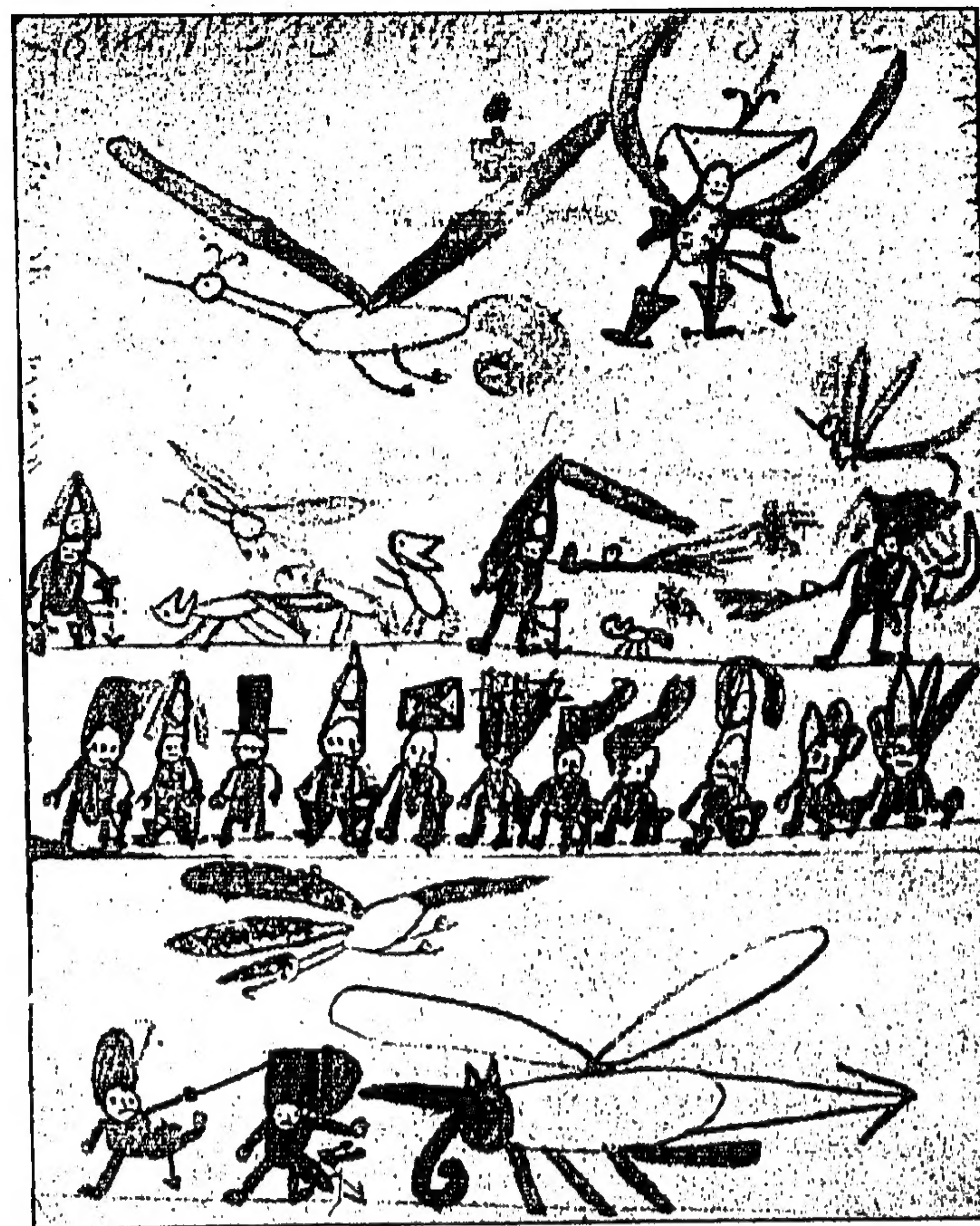
The then Prince George had been sitting with his brother the Duke of Clarence for a portrait. Later he insisted that the artist, Curile Macartney, should have one of his drawings.

So, on paper headed "Windsor Castle," he drew strange flying creatures, with below them a hunting scene or battle and a procession. In the procession were Horse Guards, ladies with tiaras and a black-suited, top-hatted man. In the bottom left corner guardsmen in scarlet.

Professor Carol Weight of Britain's Royal College of Art said of the sketch, without knowing the artist: "Very amusing, terribly good. I think it is one of the finest child's drawings I have seen. It's full of whizz, full of vitality. I would say it was a child of considerable imagination."

The drawing, which is being sold anonymously for the Red Cross, is expected to fetch around £20.

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Blame Miss Bennett For This!

By ROBERT ROBINSON

GIRLS are getting more like men. (Collapse of stout party, cries of rage, horror and dismay. A voice: "Prove it.")

I mean they are getting more independent, more thoughtful, more clever, and they drive well.

They have their hair cut short and they wear duffel coats. They are no good at cooking, live on their own, and presumably like it.

Blame Miss Jill Bennett if you and these generalisations are disagreeable, for it was in the contemplation of her wholesome person in the star dressing room at the New Theatre, St. Martin's Lane, that these deathless thoughts were conceived.

For Miss Bennett—leading lady of Anouilh's DINNER WITH THE FAMILY, and in-

disputably the West End's freshest new star—is as contemporary as the next spunk. Her wide-mouthed face, with its cheerful nose and yellow hair just couldn't have happened outside the 20th century.

It is not pretty and it is not plain, and when I asked her to describe it she said: "I'd rather not."

She can't cook, she drives well ("Drive well—I drive excellently. I drive like a man") and if she hasn't got a duffel coat she has an overcoat in black leather which is far smarter and just as contemporary. Naturally, she had no shoes on.

BATTERED

I asked about her face again—for her face has been so battered with adjectives since her success that it is surprising it doesn't look bruised.

"Producers tell me to have my nose done, get my teeth straightened, have my hair curled. And journalists are always calling me things like 'pretty little ugly mug' which I'm sure they mean kindly but you can't help feeling depressed."

"I came away from RADA wanting to play Cleopatra, but it's better to face facts. Yes, for a fact, it HAS been rather thrown together...."

In Dinner With the Family, she plays a girl who is very like a girl, but whose innocence is rendered her impregnable.

I asked Miss Bennett about her own notable serenity. Was it real?

"No, I'm nervous and turbulent. Sometimes I can't sleep and I get up and go for drives through the City. I love driving through the City late at night—like driving through a canyon."

She is critical of the films she's made to date—LUST FOR LIFE (with Kirk Douglas), and a terrible film with Alan Ladd in which she played a Norwegian boy skipper. (Didn't I say they were getting more like men?)

"Hollywood! Very lonely. Like Blackpool out of season. And the people are all owned by their cars...."

CYNICAL

(I do not have to tell cynical folk like you that no British film company has offered the unique Miss Bennett any contract. Worldly wise as you are, you have already guessed that

it is the Americans who are doing the offering, and you have guessed right. When will the British film industry have the pluck to hire a girl who is not like the girl next door.)

I asked how success felt, and she said, Anno.

A pineapple sent by one well-wisher, and four proposals of marriage—'mostly,' said Miss Bennett ruminatively, 'from the Beckenham area.'

"I get the strangest offers. One from a medical student who saw me on TV and said he wanted to straighten me out—could he take me for drives in the country to get some fresh air...."

But true to her essential contemporaneity, Miss Bennett lives alone, and has only one urgent ambition.

To buy a faster car, and find someone with the nerve to insure her.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

An Odd Kind Of Kite

—Policeman Didn't Fly It—It Flew Him!

By MAX TRELL

KNARE, the Shadow Boy, ran a up the street, flying a kite behind him. Only it wasn't really a kite. It was a paper bag tied to a string. Up in the air it went, flapping, snapping, spinning and circling.

Knarf sang as he ran: "Look at my kite. It's a beautiful sight. Flapping and snapping. Snapping and snapping. Like a bird on a string. What a beautiful thing!"

Reaching the corner, Knarf stopped. For there was his friend, the Policeman.

"Hello, Policeman," said Knarf.

"Hello, Boy," said Policeman. "I'm flying a kite," said Knarf. "Have you ever flown a kite, Policeman?"

"Oh, yes," said Policeman. "I've flown a kite many a time, and many a time, my kite has flown me!"

Knarf said in a puzzled voice: "I don't understand that, Policeman."

"Well, explain it to you," said the Policeman. "Once when I was a very small boy, my father gave me a very large kite."

"Was it very large?" asked Knarf.

"It was as large as two kites," said Policeman. "And it had a tail as long as two tails."

"And were you very small?" asked Knarf.

"I was twice as small as your nose," said Policeman. "My

shoes were twice as small as peanut shells. I had eyes like dots."

"You were certainly small," said Knarf.

"I was," answered the Policeman. "So I took this big kite of mine up to the top of a windy hill. I hoisted the kite up into the air and ran with it. And suddenly a curious thing happened."

"What was the curious thing that happened?" asked Knarf.

"I just enjoyed myself," he said. "I nodded to the birds as they went flying by. I reached for a passing cloud and broke off an end and chewed it."

"What did it taste like?" asked Knarf.

"It tasted like molasses and honey and spun sugar and the top of lemon meringue pie."

"I wish I could eat a cloud," said Knarf. "But what else did you do?"

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SOMETHING OF AN ENIGMA

ANNUAL BOAT RACE

Cambridge University Name Crew To Meet Oxford

Cambridge, Feb. 26. Cambridge University Boat Club tonight announced its crew to meet Oxford University in the 104th annual Boat Race, to be rowed over four miles 374 yards on the River Thames on Easter Saturday, April 5.

Only one oarsman, Club President J. A. Pileford, is retained from last year's winning crew.

Four others—P. D. Rickett, R. D. Carver, R. G. Little and Coxswain J. S. Sulley—are

sons of former Cambridge crew members.

Rickett, an Australian, who will probably row at Number Five, was preferred to "big" Jim Meadows, the American who occupied that position in last year's crew.

The Crew

The crew was listed alphabetically, as the final rowing order has yet to be decided:

It is: R.D. Carver (Eton and First and Third Trinity), D.C. Christie (Eton and Pembroke), A.T. Denby (Radley and Magdalen), J.R. Giles (Wichster and Emmanuel), M.B. Malby (Bedford and Pembroke), J.A. Pileford (Cambridge and Christie), P.D. Rickett (Eton and First and Third Trinity), R.G. Little (Geelong, Australia, and Cornwall), and J. S. Sulley (Cox, Radleys and Selwyn).—Reuter.

Japan's Leading Golfers To Play In Masters' Tournament

New York, Feb. 25. Japan's leading golfers, Torakichi Nakamura, and Koichi Ono, will arrive in the United States next month to play in the Masters' tournament at Augusta, Georgia from April 3 to 6, it was announced here today.

Mr. Fred Corcoran, Director of the International Golf Association, said: "I think a match between the Japanese and the Sam Snead-Jimmy Demaret team would pack tremendous interest."

"We are hoping to line up two or three exhibitions for the visitors and what could be better than a head-to-head duel with Snead and Demaret?"

When the Japanese last met the veteran American professionals in last October's Canada Cup matches in Tokyo, Nakamura and Ono surprised the golf world by winning.

Nakamura, 42-year-old Japanese Champion, and Ono, 36, won the Canada Cup Championship with a combined 72-hole score of 557, tying against golfers from 30 countries.

It is thought however the Japanese may find difficulty adapting themselves to the fast greens in this country.

They will remain in the United States until about May 1.—Reuter.

TENNIS

Americans To Compete In International Tournament

New York, Feb. 26. Davis Cup tennis star Barry MacKay of Dayton, Ohio, and Wightman Cup star Dorothy Head Knudsen of Forest Hills, New York, will compete at the International Tennis Tournament in Cairo, and Alexandria, Egypt, and probably at Casablanca, Morocco, the US Lawn Tennis Association said today.

MacKay, ranked fifth nationally, and Mrs. Knudsen, the nation's third-ranked woman player, will leave on March 3, on the tour arranged by the US State Department. The USLTA said it is considering a "more extended itinerary" for both players after the government-sponsored trip.—United Press.

England Can Snatch Lead In International Rugby Matches

By JOHN COTTRELL

London.

England to beat France, Ireland to beat Scotland. That's my forecast for the international rugby matches at Paris and Dublin this Saturday. And if it proves correct, we can forget about France and Scotland as far as the International Championship is concerned.

At present the pattern of the five-country competition is far from clear. England and Wales sit at the top with three points (one win and one draw each) Scotland come next with two points (one win) Ireland and France have only played one match each and are still pointless.

Victory in Paris would leave England sitting fairly pretty. With only Scotland to play, they would stand an excellent chance of retaining the championship, while France would look like taking the wooden spoon again.

This season, Scotland have beaten France, Wales have beaten Scotland, and England have drawn with Wales. So, by implicit deduction, England should conquer France, but it's not quite so simple.

The fact is that England are something of an enigma this year. They are still winning matches and they have not been beaten in their last seven international matches. Yet somehow they are failing to convince even their own supporters that they are as great a side as they were a year ago.

Chief Architects

The chief architects of England's triumph 1956-57 season are still there. But there are signs of staleness in the pack—a certain lack of gusto and enterprise. They remain extremely competent, but only occasionally seem really inspired.

And yet, for my money, England are still the strongest of the five countries and can win the International Championship, but only if their three-quarters are given the scoring opportunities they deserve.

The selectors are obviously conscious of this for they have now retained Ricky Bartlett, who replaced the injured fly-half Phil Horrocks—Taylor against Ireland. Bartlett had a

poor game against Ireland and the only explanation of his selection is the fact that he is a fine passer.

Horrocks-Taylor, younger and faster, is far more dangerous in attack and he made a promising international debut against Wales. But he preferred to kick during the 20 minutes he was on the field against Australia—despite his having been told to shove the ball to his centres.

The English selectors, naturally reluctant to change a winning team, have once again kept the same pack. But if the forwards fall against France, I would expect some heads to roll for the first time since the 1954-55 season.

Few would argue with the selectors' choice behind the pack, except for the fly-half position. The only change is on the right wing where the brilliant Peter Jackson, until for the match against Ireland, returns in place of international sprinter, John Young.

Apart from a positional switch, the French team is the same as that beaten 11-9 by Scotland at Murrayfield. Jackie Bouquet, who played in the centre against the Scots, returns to his customary place at fly-half, while Christian Vignes moves into the centre.

Bouquet is a player of great skill and experience, and very fast on firm ground. This wise switch will provide a much safer link with the centres.

Five of the French team are new cubs this season. They are: Vignes; scrum half Pierre Danes; winger Gerard Mauduy; and forwards, Ado Quaglio and Michel Traute. As usual, France has a tower of strength at full-back in Michel Vannier, who is still playing impressively.

Forward Michel Celyna is again captain, and Lucien Mias, the burly lock-forward, has returned after four years in the wilderness. Mias first played for France in 1951 and has 18 caps.

Positional Play

This fifteen has some outstanding players, but they have yet shown a great understanding as a team. The most serious fault of the Frenchmen at Murrayfield was the positional play of the centres who were lying much too flat for attack.

If the ground is firm and dry, and if the backs can be linked up at top speed, the French could prove too fast for England, whose undefeatable run must, I feel, be checked soon.

But I still think England should win, provided that the forwards produce their old fire and the backs are well served by Bartlett.

England have the advantage of having played three tough international matches in the past six weeks, with a much-needed two-week rest since their encounter with Ireland. France have played together only once this season.

England last won at the Stade Colombes in Paris in 1952. In the 32 previous meetings, England have scored 23 wins, France 8.

Cnn Scotland break the Dublin hoodoo? They have not won there for 25 years.

I don't think they will be any more successful this year. They are still without centre T. McClung, who, for the fourth time this season, is unfit for an international. His absence

means that Scotland again have no recognised goalkicker, although Arthur Smith, served remarkably well in this capacity against the Wallabies.

But it's in the centre that McClung will be most sorely missed. Against Australia, the Scottish backs did not combine at all well. Vital passes were fumbled and the centres still failed to employ the speed and skill of wingers Smith and G. Weatherstone.

Scotland have a splendid fly-half in G. H. Waddell, who, at the age of 20, shows extraordinary tactical skill, and passes swiftly and accurately. And their forwards are a fiery bunch.

Yet I do not think Scotland will win in Dublin. Ireland have an excellent three-quarter line, which combines experience and great speed. And, after the deplorable performances in the trials, the Irish forwards have proved themselves extremely dangerous, with 5 ft. 11 in. J. R. Kavanagh, the outstanding man.

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Player To Compete In British Open Tournaments Only

Johannesburg, Feb. 25. Gary Player, brilliant young South African golfer, who has played in English tournaments for the past three years, intends to boycott all future competitions in Britain except the Open Championship.

The 22-year-old golfer declared here today that senior professional events in Britain offered handsome rewards only for the first four places. Those who finished near the top earned no more than the "also rans," he said.

"England is not for me," he said. "With the exception of the British Open I will never campaign there again."

Player, who holds the Australian match-play title, plans to leave for the United States and Australia towards the end of next month. He will fly to England a week before the British Open begins at St. Annan on June 30.—China Mail Special.

Well Known Boxer Decides To Retire From The Ring

Hartford, Connecticut, Feb. 26.

Teddy "Red Top" Davis, a well known figure in international postwar boxing, has decided to retire from the ring, following his defeat last night at the hands of Slove Ward in 12-round bout for the New England welterweight title.

"Red Top" Davis, who is 35, fought against Paddy De Marco, Tony Demarco, Willie Pep and other champions. In 1955 he had a crack at the world featherweight title, but was beaten by Champion Samy Saddler.—France-Press.

Joe Brown Scores KO Win Over Cuban Champion

Havana, Feb. 26. Lightweight Champion Joe Brown, unmolested by Cuban rebels, scored Orlando Echeverria twice for a first-round knockout tonight in the police-ringed, New Sports Palace before a crowd estimated at 9,000, each of whom had been "frisked" for weapons as he entered.

Echeverria was counted out at 2:50 of the first round in the scheduled 10-rounder that was the first fight ever televised from "overseas" to the United States.

Brown, whose title was not at stake because each weighed more than the 135-pound limit, scaled 135½; Echeverria, 150½. Southpaw Echeverria, the 27-year-old Champion of Cuba, tore after fast-stepping Brown as the first round opened and drove him into a corner with a barrage of hooks to head and body.

Brown came out of the corner and, in a furious exchange, dropped Echeverria on his back for a count of eight. The Cuban rose and again tore after the champion and struck him with a hard straight left. They exchanged savagely.

Brown knocked him back on to his heels with a left-right to the face. They exchanged, with Echeverria landing two rights to the head. Then Brown smashed him on the chin with a straight right and dropped him flat on his back again. He was counted out.

The crowd roared its approval of the exciting action, but there appeared to be no disturbances in the heavily-policed palace. The Police protection extended into the working men's section, guarded by 52 uniformed police.

Little Danger

Brown of New Orleans, 32, was escorted to his dressing room by a small detail of police, although there seemed little danger—since his fight was finished—that he would be kidnapped by rebels, as was racing champion Juan Fangio of Argentina on Sunday, on the eve of Cuba's Grand Prix race.

The Lightweight Champion had been closely guarded since his arrival, lest he, too, be snatched by Fidel Castro's rebels in an effort to embarrass the regime of President Fulgencio Batista.

Brown's fight tonight was the featured bout at the opening of Havana's new \$200,000 sports palace—hub of the new Cuban \$12,000,000 sports centre.

Fangio, released less than 36 hours after his seizure, was at the ringside tonight, along with Middleweight Champion Carmen Basilio, former Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis, and TV and film star Gene Autry.

Echeverria suffered his second knockout and 20th defeat in 40 bouts. He had been stopped by Rocky Handell in the sixth round on April 28, 1956.

Brown, favoured at 5-1, extended his unbeaten string (containing one draw) to 16 bouts as he registered his 68th victory and 31st knockout in 44 starts.

Four English League Matches Postponed

London, Feb. 26.

The four English football League matches due to be played today were postponed because of snowbound pitches. The matches were:

League One
Portsmouth v West Bromwich Albion.

League Two
Barnsley v Sheffield United; Middlesbrough v Leyton Orient.

League Three
Bradford City v Gateshead.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY

Stockholm, Feb. 26.

Sweden beat the United States 5-3 in an international ice hockey match here this evening.

Period scores were 3-2, 0-0, 2-1.—Reuter.

KINGSTON TEST

Pakistan 274 For Four Against West Indies

Kingston, Feb. 26.

Pakistan had scored 274 for four at the close of play on the opening day of the third Test against the West Indies at Kingston.

Imtiaz Ahmad, Pakistan's wicketkeeper and opening batsman, scored 122, and shared in century partnerships with Saad Ahmad (52) and Wallis Mathias (70 not out).

Franz Alexander, West Indies captain and wicketkeeper, caught three of the four batsmen.

On reputedly the fastest pitch in the Caribbean, Pakistan were expected to have a severe testing against the east bowling trio of Ray Gilchrist, Tom Dewdney, and Eric Atkinson.

But after an anxious first half hour, during which they lost Hanif Mohammad, with only four on the board, Pakistan coped well with the speed attack.

Cautious Start

The 12,000 crowd roared with delight when Gilchrist had Hanif caught when he had made only three. Imtiaz and Saad took the total to 50 in 73 minutes after a cautious start.

Saied fell after putting on 118 for the second wicket, and then Imtiaz was joined by Wallis Mathias when he was 70 not out. Imtiaz batted 4 hours 10 minutes and hit 14 fours. He was quick to hook anything short.

Alexander used his spin bowling sparingly, and of the 89 overs 50 were bowled by the three pace men.

The Scoreboard

PAKISTAN				
Hanif Mohammad c Alexander				3
Imtiaz Ahmad c Alexander				122
Imtiaz Ahmad				52
Saied Ahmad c Weekes				12
Smith				70
Wallis Mathias				70
Alian Ud Din c Alexander				15
A. H. Kardar, not out				5
Extras				7
Total (for four wickets)				274
Fall of Wickets:	1-4,	2-122,	3-223,	4-249.

Bowling				
Gilchrist	23	2	66	2
Dewdney	15	0	67	0
Atkinson	12	4	20	1
Gibbs	7	0	32	0
Smith	18	3	39	1
Sobers	5	1	12	0

Budapest In European Cup Semi-Finals

Budapest, Feb. 26. Budapest's "Vasas" soccer team qualified for the European Cup semi-final when it beat Amsterdam's "Ajax" Squad 4-0 in a return quarter-final game here today.

The two clubs tied 2-2 in their first match at Amsterdam. Other qualifiers so far for the semi-finals are Real Madrid and Manchester United, which lost about half its players in an air crash this month in Munich. The fourth qualifier will be the winner of the coming return game between Borussia Dortmund and Milan A. C.—France-Press.

TABLE TENNIS

West Germany and England drew 6-6 in their international table tennis match at Burg-Kunstadt tonight.

England won the women's matches 3-0 but were beaten 3-2 in the men's events.—Reuter.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

SPECIAL NOTICE

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NO PERSON WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable prior to the Meeting from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road and Nathan Road, Kowloon, only on the written introduction of a Member, and on production of his Guest Record Card. Members are limited to 6 guests each Race Day, and will be responsible for all guests introduced by them.

In view of the possible delay in the issue of Guest Badges at the Race Course on Race Days, Members are strongly advised to obtain their guest badges at the Queen's Building or Nathan Road offices of the Club during the week preceding each Race Day.

A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NINTH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING

Saturday 1st, Wednesday 5th and Saturday 8th March, 1958

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)

THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon each day.

The Tiffin interval is after the Fourth Race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

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Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brachettes.

NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$2.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be obtainable in the RESTAURANT.

SERVANTS

Servants must remain in their employers' boxes except for passing through on their duties. They may on no account use the Betting Booths or Pay Out Booths in the Enclosures.

CASH SWEEPS

Although Through Tickets cannot normally be purchased for each day of a Meeting unless there is an interval of at least five days between each day an exception is being made for the Annual Race Meeting. Through Cash Sweep Tickets, therefore, at \$20 each per day or \$60 for the three days of the Meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street during normal office hours and until 10.00 a.m. on each day of the Meeting.

Particular numbers within the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all race meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel any reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 28th February, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any rights whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.

The Stewards reserve the right to refuse any subscription also the right to remove any name from Subscription Lists without stating reasons for their action.

Tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each and Tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby scheduled to be run on 10th May, 1958, at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at:—Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street on

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8th March
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Monday 3rd, Tuesday 4th, Thursday 6th
and Friday 7th March
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

TOTALISATOR

Backers are advised not to destroy or throw away their tickets until after the "all clear" signal has been exhibited.

ALL WINNING TICKETS and TICKETS FOR REFUNDS must be PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT AT THE RACE COURSE ON THE DAY TO WHICH THEY REFER, NOT LATER THAN ONE HOUR AFTER THE TIME FOR WHICH THE LAST RACE OF THE DAY HAS BEEN SCHEDULED TO BE RUN.

PAYMENT WILL NOT BE MADE ON TORN OR DISFIGURED TICKETS.

Bookmakers, Tipsters, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
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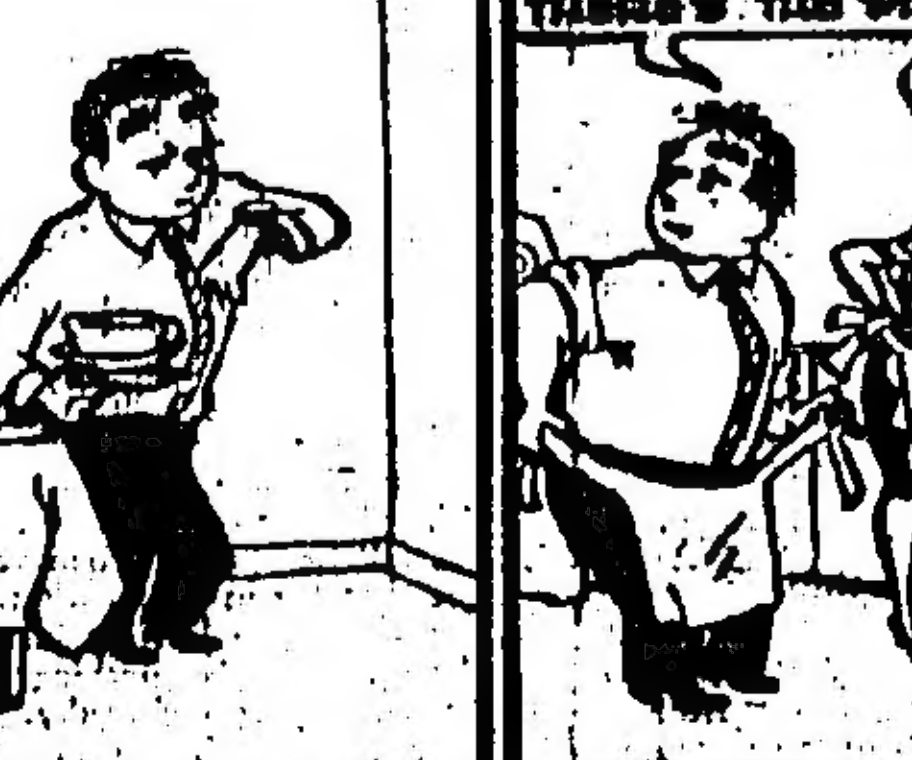
THE GAMBOLS

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LOOK OUT, WIMBLEDON! SHIRLEY IS BUILDING THOSE TENNIS MUSCLES WITH WEIGHT-LIFTING IN A BACK-STREET LONDON GYM



Mr. MURRAY MAKES 'EM FITTER IN A HURRY

By DESMOND HACKETT

SIXTEEN TEAMS VIE FOR HONOURS IN WORLD CUP COMPETITION IN JUNE

By WILLIAM NEWMAN

London. Association Football, the most widely-played sport in the world—and the most controversial, reaches the climax of four years of planning and wrangling when 16 teams fight out the finals of the World Cup in Sweden in June. This vastly-organised competition, which embraces teams with their millions of followers from the furthest corners of the earth, rarely has a smooth run, and the current series is no exception. After early squabbles—some political—over the preliminary groups, more trouble flared up when the draw for the final matches was made in Stockholm.

The draw provoked an outburst of international arguments and brought the international (FIFA) committee into conflict with the organising Sweden body over rules. The situation has settled down to some extent but dissatisfaction remains to provide the seed for more problems affecting future competitions.

Main dissent over the draw stemmed from "seeding" the teams into geographical groups instead of by strength. This ensured that teams from the same area—namely South America and South Africa—would not clash in early matches. But at the same time it brought together three of the teams generally regarded as favourites to win the cup—Russia, England and Brazil.

An Argument

Germany also produced an argument that the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland should not in future be represented by four teams because "it gives the British an unfair advantage." Their contention is one team only should be allowed from a group of countries under one political government.

Whatever the rival factions may feel about the competition, little can be done now to change the set-up for the finals in Sweden and teams are going ahead with preparations.

Training Schedules

The Russians, as thorough as ever, have been preparing for some time, including skiing and gymnastics in their winter training schedules.

Hungary, whose all-conquering side was torn asunder when many players sought exile after the 1956 uprising, are in the process of re-building. Selected candidates for the Cup team will be kept at home for training in special camps instead of making foreign tours with clubs. The Hungarian team will be accompanied to Sweden by 20 officials, including three trainers, a doctor, masseur and a cook.

Paraguay have an ambitious international programme with matches against Argentina, two matches against Brazil, and possibly games in Madrid and Barcelona. But Yugoslavia's preparations will be less elaborate because final training plans clash with the national championship.

France, re-building a team, which a couple of years ago looked capable of upsetting the favourites, have international matches against Spain and Switzerland to gain some idea of team composition.

The four teams from Britain have been playing home trials throughout the season. England will have severe tests before the Cup matches when they meet Russia in Moscow on May 18 in a major dress rehearsal of their clash in Gothenburg three weeks later.

Germany, surprise winners of the Cup in the last competition in 1954, have had a poor international record since, but cannot be written off. They might well surprise again with a young team which has been improving all the time.

Drawing Power

The competition may have its technical difficulties, but there is no doubt about its drawing power. Sale of tickets for the matches in Sweden already top five million Swedish crowns (approaching £350,000). Something like 30,000 German fans are expected to travel to Sweden and thousands more from other European countries are taking the opportunity to arrange holidays to fit in with the Cup programme.

The qualifying matches drew something like five million spectators with the biggest crowd of 200,000 at the Brazil Peru match in Rio de Janeiro. The Swedish stadiums are small, with the Solna Stadium in Stockholm, where the final will be played on June 29, holding about 55,000, but the lure of this long-disputed competition ensures a financial success. Especially with the prospect of big fees for televising the matches throughout Europe.—China Mail Special.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Boxing: Police Sports Association Boxing Tournament, Southern Playground.

SATURDAY

Cricket: Div. 1—ICC v CCC; Navy v Army; South v Police; RAAF v MCC; Div. 2—Dockyard v Royal Tanks; Harrold v DSS; Army North v Army South.

Rugby: Police v Royal Navy (Army, B.S.) 3 p.m.; RAAF v Army (Army, B.S.) 4.15 p.m.; Club v Club (H.V.) 4.30 p.m.; RAAF v Royal Tanks (Kil Taki) 5.30 p.m.

Ladies' League—Recreo "B" v Victorians (H.V.) 2.30 p.m.; Cup Match—Greenwich v Revere "A" (Recreo) 2.30 p.m.

Boxing: Senior Shield—Sling Tao v KMB (BS) 4 p.m.; Junior Shield—Gymnastics South China v APS/Army (BS) 2 p.m.; Div. 3—CML v Mercantile (C) 2.30 p.m.; RSL v Waydowns (C) 4 p.m.

Athletics: Annual Athletics of KGV School, Mission Road, Kib 2 p.m.; Annual University of HK Sports, Pokfulam 2 p.m.

Racing: Ninth Annual Race Meeting, Happy Valley (First Day), noon.

Willie Pastrano To Meet Bygraves In England

London, Feb. 26. Third ranking World Heavyweight, Willie Pastrano of New Orleans, will have his next bout in Britain against former British Empire Champion, Joe Bygraves, it was announced here today.

The bout will take place in Leicester on March 31st or April 21st. Agreement on the bout was reached between Pastrano's trainer, Angelo Dundee, and Joe Jacobs, co-promoter with Alex Griffiths.

The definite date of the bout will be decided in two or three days when Dundee, who has commitments to assist World Middleweight Champion, Carmen Basilio, in his forthcoming bout with Sugar Ray Robinson, has discussed arrangements.—United Press.

Norwegian Beats World Speed Skating Champion

Oslo, Feb. 26. A crowd of 27,000 saw Knut Johansen, World Speed Skating Champion, beat Oleg Goncharenko, of the Soviet Union, in the 10,000 Metres event on the second day of a two-day international contest here tonight.

Johansen's time was 16 minutes 57 seconds, against the Russian's 17 minutes 45 seconds.—Reuter.

You sweet young things who imagine Wimbledon a glamorous mannequin parade of frilly pants with a little tennis on the side should study closely this sports strip which reveals where tennis stars go in the winter time.

The energy girl, who looks like the victim of a horror-film dungeon scene, is, in some, lovely Shirley Bloomer.

It made me shudder even to watch what a girl will do to become a better tennis player.

Shirley is the newest recruit to the "power school" in St. Bride's Institute, only a few strides from Fleet Street, where the inhabitants are not given to such outbursts of exertion.

More Power

Shirley Bloomer last season won the British hard courts championship and "The Italian" and French titles, but she felt that she must have more arm power to add to her admirable mobility.

She was advised: "Go to Al Murray."

Murray, a quiet-spoken Scot and our national weight-lifting coach, put her on a routine of weight-lifting and gymnasium exercises.

It was the kind of schedule calculated to make any Army recruit hate his PT instructor, but, between office hours, Shirley persevered through the rugged routine.

Well, just look at those pictures, and decide if tennis is worth all that punishment.

I asked her if the exercises were producing the power she wanted. This sun-kissed lovely from Lincolnshire would only say: "I think I will be a better player next season."

There were sporting chiefs who reckoned power-building Murray was something of a crinkly fanatic with his learned talk and his weights-and-sees-the-benefits gossiping.

Dedicated Athletes

But once dedicated athletes like Gordon Pirie and Brian Shenton enthusiastically muscled into the Murray method, soccer teams, swimmers, and other athletes also lined up to study.

In class with Shirley Bloomer was Britain's top hurdler, Peter Hildreth. He is now a Murray man down to the last muscle.

Eighteen-year-old Nick Morgan was grunting under a weighted load as he drove his hefty young frame towards his ambition of becoming world No. 1 shot putter.

Night Duty

Blonde, lovely nurse Sylvia Needham had come straight from a spell on night duty to take the Murray treatment for her discus-throwing development.

Teenage swim star Tina Barry was in class with 21-year-old javelin thrower Ann Todd. There were intense sprinters, industrious field athletes, all energetically throwing their weights about.

Looks like there is no rest for the athletes of England.

Seven days a week and every spare moment goes into the tough task of getting to the top.

I heartily wish that more of our soccer players and fighting men would call at Murray's academy for ambitious athletes. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

DESMOND HACKETT'S COLUMN

It's K.O. Williams v. Richardson

London. Harry Levene the other day signed, sealed and settled for American coloured heavyweight Cleveland Williams to do battle with Dick Richardson at Empress Hall, London, on March 25. Cleveland Williams comes under the heading of "never heard of him." Mr Levene has heard much of this muscled citizen and is prepared to say what he knows at great length.

After a few thousand well-chosen words we are now aware that Cleveland Williams comes from Houston, Texas, the city where everything is bigger than the world rankings, for instance, is 6ft. 2in. and weighs 155st. He is aged 22. In 38 fights, we are informed, he has won 34 by knock-outs.

This year Williams has had one fight. He knocked out Gene White in one round.

In One Round

Last year he knocked out Johnny Mason in one round. J. D. Marshall in two rounds, Cliff Grey in one round, Bob Albright in seven rounds, John Holman in seven rounds, and outpointed Frankie Daniels.

I am prepared to be impressed by his conduct when opposed to the world rankings, and Holman, who has also, in his prime, been elevated to the top ten.

Additional intelligence from Mr Levene is that in the January rankings issued by the American National Boxing Association Cleveland Williams is rated No. 10 among the world heavyweights.

Old Style Again

Richardson's manager dapper, fast-talking Wally Lesley, volunteered that Richardson was reverting to his old style as the hard-slugging fighter.

The management have in fact decided against pursuing the grand idea of polishing up this rugged character Richardson into a classic left-lead stylist, beloved of those who still regard the fight trade as the noble art.

He will now be instructed. "Kick the lugs off him, Dickie boy." And Richardson will re-

I think that the Richardson of the hit-em-and-hit-em-again, mood will be much more successful than when he tried to outsmart and outbox the opposition.

So, with Cleveland Williams the expert of the early elimination, and Richardson going back to the slugging system this fight promises to be brief but mighty interesting.

The snag in Richardson's reversion to the killer-diller division is the shortage of sparring partners in these sporting isles. The hired thugs are ready, willing but scarcely able.

It astonishes me that chaps like Richardson, Joe Erskine, Brian London, and Henry Cooper do not get together to do their heavyweight home-work. The old-timers did it and they were mighty tough performers.

A Surprise

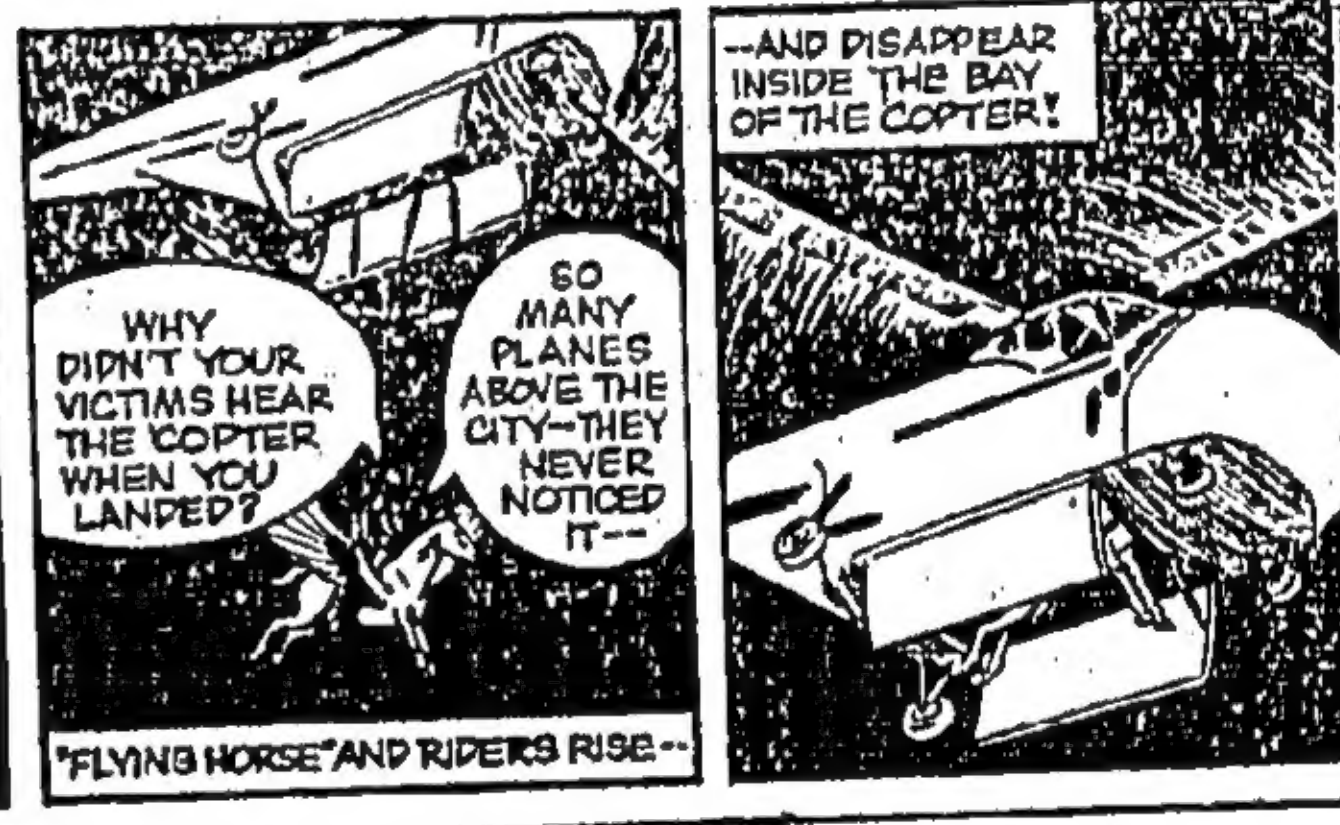
Among those present on the Richardson-Williams occasion will be World Heavyweight Champion Floyd Patterson.

It is the intention of Patterson to battle three rounds with an opponent who has not yet been informed what he is in for.

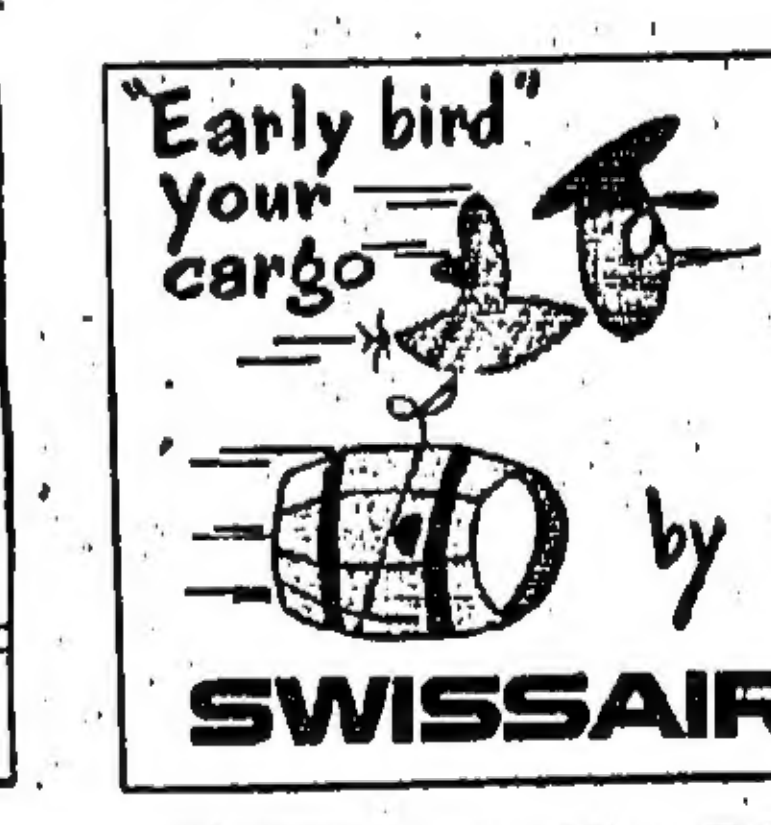
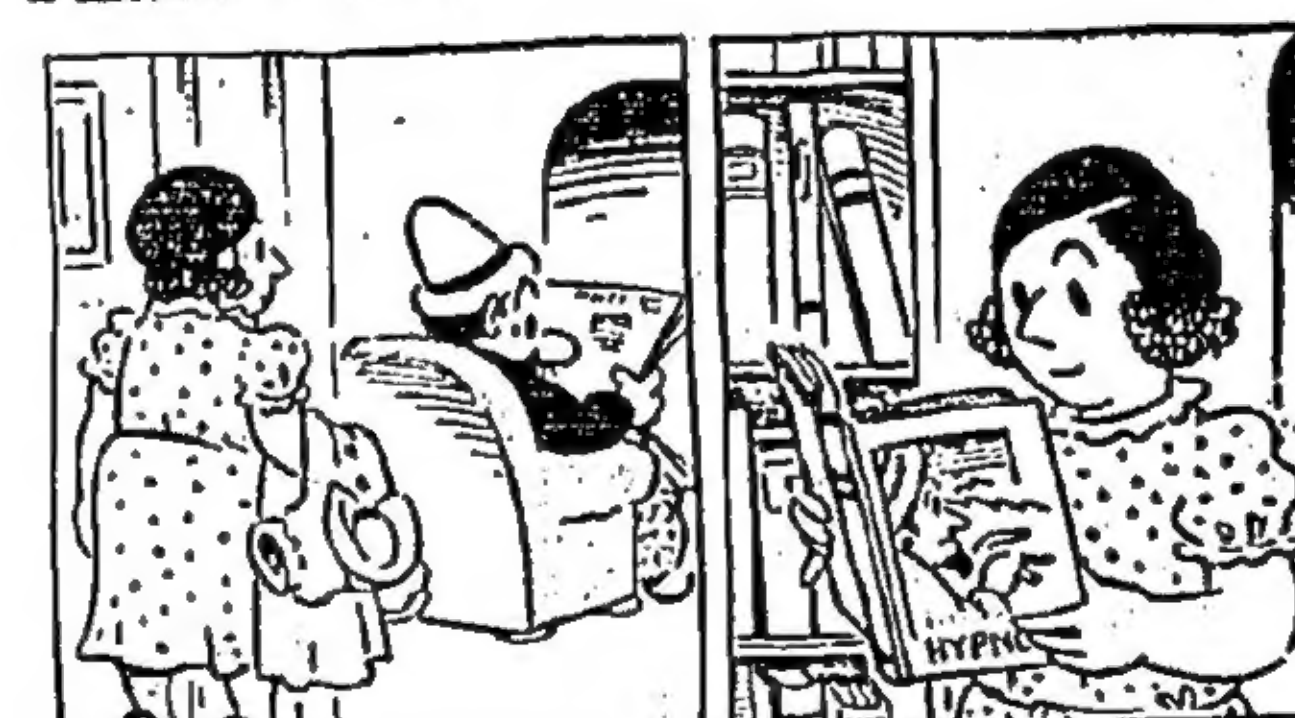
Patterson's manager, Gus D'Amato, told me that they planned to stay in England for 10 days and would be happy to engage in exhibitions in the provinces. Any volunteers?

FIGHTNOTE: German Albert Westphal will be Richardson's opponent in his fight at Carmarthen on March 8. (London Express Service).

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



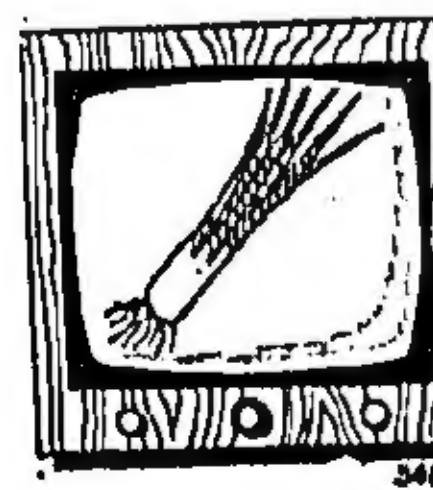
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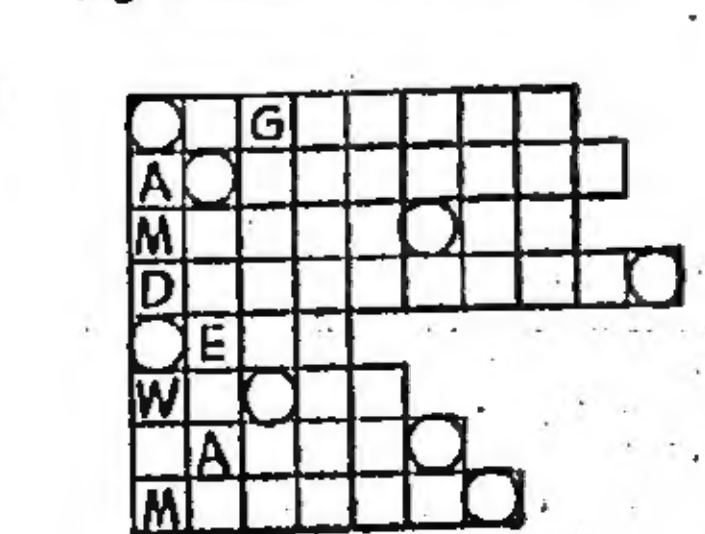


JOHNNY HAZARD



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



- 1 Conflicting
- 2 Some talk of him
- 3 Almost a Welsh town
- 4 Army this
- 5 Welsh vegetable
- 6 Corgi for instance
- 7 Engagement
- 8 Famous battle

— Solution on Page 9

Be Specific



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'APOSTLE OF DESPAIR' HAS PARIS ART CIRCLES IN TURMOIL

By CHARLES RIDLEY

Paris, Feb. 26.
The latest art rage of Paris is a 29-year-old
"Apostle of Despair" who makes no artistic
bones about liking the millions of francs his
macabre flair has brought him.

Bernard Buffet is the name
and some 3,000 Parisians per
day are queuing (and paying)
to see his current show at the
Galerie Charpentier, opposite the
Palace of the President of
France.

I Like Money

Most of the 100 stark grey
paintings have already been sold
for between 600,000 francs
(\$1,100) and 2,000,000 francs
(\$4,000). From the set where
Paris started where he started in
1945, Buffet has long since
moved to a chateau in southern
France. And he drives a \$10,000-
Rolls-Royce.

"Michelangelo and I like the
same things," the handsome
young painter tells his friends.
"The only difference is that
Michelangelo did not like money.
I love it."

But Buffet's art is a far cry
from Michelangelo, the great
Italian artist.

What Buffet has done with his
grim and unbecoming canvases
is to strike a chord in a France
whose youth emerged from the
degradation and humiliation of
military occupation to plunge
straight into the pessimism of
Jean Paul Sartre and his exist-
entialism.

Hopelessness

The same faded and over-
sophisticated element which de-
voured the novels of Francois
Sarraute now worships at the
shrine of Buffet, the "Apostle of
Despair."

Buffet, who started painting
on old sheets after his mother
died and left him an orphan
when he was 10, is no impres-

From DAVID CORDON



Tokyo (By Airmail).
DESPITE plenty of
evidence to the
contrary, the Japanese
continue to pride them-
selves on their kindness
to animals.

As a result, various
political and other matters
affecting the nation's wel-
fare have been over-
shadowed by concern for
15 sled dogs abandoned at
Ongul Island, Japan's An-
tarctic base for Interna-
tional Geophysical Year ob-
servations, when the supply
ship Soya was unable to
land a fresh wintering team
at the base due to bad ice
conditions.

The action brought heated
criticism from all sides, and
demands for the rescue of the
dogs became practically a
national issue. The Japan
Society for Prevention of
Cruelty to Animals even sent a
cable to US President Eisen-
hower, asking for his assistance
to save them.

Dog Lovers

Protests flooded the Antarctic
expedition's Tokyo headquarters.
An official statement that enough
food for a month had been left
for the dogs to eat brought
especially bitter criticism. Some-
one wanted to know how the
dogs had been taught to ration
themselves.

It did the authorities little
good to point out that the Soya
itself was lucky to escape after
being trapped for over a month
in the ice, and that the vessel's
seamanship was barely able to
rescue human members of the
expedition and a few more of
the dogs from the base.

For back came the answering
reply that a previous Japanese
expedition to the Antarctic also

had abandoned its dogs to starve
and freeze to death.
Also strongly criticized were
plans to increase the pensions of
ex-soldiers and to revive
"Kigensetsu," or Japan's national
day. Apart from general
antagonism against an increase
in pensions for militarists, was
strong opposition to proposals
that the increase would be
subject to rank, with senior
officers getting fat pensions
against about \$15,000 annually
for rank-and-file.

Militarists

Militarists, ultra-rightists and
others of similar ilk also were
blamed for attempts to revive
Japan's national day. Formerly
celebrated on February 11 and
used by the militarists in
furtherance of their aims, it
was abolished during the
Occupation.
Prince Mikasa, the Emperor's
younger brother, who out-
spokenly denounced moves to
revive it, and declared that
there is no historical or
scientific ground to support the
claim that Emperor Jimmu was
appointed by the Sun Goddess
on that date to found Japan,
has been given a police body-
guard to protect him from
ultra-nationalists who have
since threatened him.

Russian attempts to link talks
for the safeguarding of Japanese
fishing operations in northern
waters with conclusion of a
peace treaty brought strong
reaction in Government circles
and a stiffening of Japan's
attitude towards the Soviet
Union. Adding to the resent-
ment were Russian proposals
that Japan should limit the
amount of fish it could catch
each year to 80,000 tons
against the 150,000 tons
hoped for by Japan and last
year's 120,000-ton catch, and
that crab fishing should be
suspended until such time as
the crusade against the multi-
plied sufficiently to warrant its
resumption.

Three Issues

Prime Minister Nobusuke
Kishi said at a Lower House
Budget Committee meeting that
the three issues between Japan
and Russia should be treated
separately in negotiations. The
three issues were defined as: (1)
negotiations, now under way in
Moscow, to fix this year's fishing
quotas; (2) Japan's request to
hold talks for safeguarding
Japanese fishing operations in
northern waters; (3) the con-
clusion of a formal peace treaty
between the two countries.
Referring to the latter, Kishi
said that Japan could not agree
to any talks for the purpose
unless Russia hands back
"Japan's inherent territories."

Further friction also threaten-
ed to develop between Japan
and the United States as a result
of American plans to hold more
nuclear tests at Eniwetok in the
Pacific this spring. Prime
Minister Kishi told the Diet it
was "extremely regrettable"
that Japan's appeal against such
tests had not been accepted by
the United States, Britain and
Russia. He promised to make
a strong appeal to the United
States to "reconsider" the
forthcoming tests.

It was also pointed out by
Haruki Mori, director of the
Foreign Office American Affairs
Bureau, in a statement to the
Lower House Budget Committee,
that the Japanese claim for
compensation in respect of
damages caused by the US
nuclear tests at Eniwetok in
1953 had not been accepted.

Relations with China, Japan's
other big Communist neighbour,
were expected to be eased
slightly by the passing of a bill
to revise the Alien Registration
Law. The revised law, which
comes into force in three
months' time, exempts foreign
visitors to Japan from finger-
printing if their stay does not
extend over a year. The
revision was aimed primarily
at enabling Chinese trade
officials to come to Japan to
organise Chinese trade fairs
here. China had objected
to the law in its previous form,
which required all visitors
whose stay exceeded 90 days to
be fingerprinted.

Unofficial

Hopes for further accord were
placed in a 12-man unofficial
trade delegation which left for
Peking yesterday. Headed by
Liberal-Democrat Diet member,
Masanosuke Ikeda, the delega-
tion has as its main task the
resumption of negotiations for
a trade agreement, which collapsed
last November. Members were
strictly admonished by the
Government before leaving to
see that any agreement reached
should in no way imply that
Japan recognises the Communist
regime in China.

Meanwhile, plans were
advanced for the holding of the
Onaka International Trade Fair
from April 12 to April 27. Both
the Soviet Union and China are
among the 25 nations expected
to display their wares in the
1,100 booths allocated to foreign
entries. Another 1,049 booths
will be used by Japanese manu-
facturers for their exhibits.
This year's fair promises to
outshine any previously held.
Twice the number of booths
have been allotted for foreign
exhibitors as in the preceding
Onaka exposition. Russia is
planning to build the largest
pavilion and to exhibit models
of her space satellites. Up to
600,000 visitors and 5,000 foreign
buyers are expected to attend.
It is also estimated that on-
spot deals will total \$7,000
million and total business will
amount to \$60,000 million.

Record figures also were
expected to be set by the tourist
industry. About 60,000 visitors
are scheduled to arrive during
the "cherry blossom season"
alone, which begins next month.
The first big party consists of
some 900 passengers on the
Mitsunaka liner, Lurline, which is
due to arrive at Yokohama on
March 2 in the course of a
Pacific cruise. She will be
followed by the Swedish-
American line's Kungsholm,
with over 400 passengers, and
the Statendam of the Holland-
American Line, and the
Cunarder Caronia, each with
over 500 tourists.

Visitors

It is expected that these
visitors, like thousands before
them, will board their ships to
leave Japan with a sigh of
relief—thankful that they were
able to survive the country's
chaotic traffic conditions and to
get away from the frightful
noise of the cities.
Figures released by the World
Health Organisation show that
Japan leads the world in
pedestrian traffic deaths. Speed-
ing taxis are blamed for most of
the carnage. The taxi drivers
blame the taxi companies. They
say the companies force them to
earn such a high minimum total
each day that they have to race
madly and work up to 18 hours
a day to do so.

The real culprits—the police
and labour officials—twiddle

their thumbs while the corpses
pile up and the hospital beds
fill.

Other depressing statistics
continue to be chalked up by
those who can't wait to be killed
in the traffic but commit suicide.
One such case in Osaka, how-
ever, had a happy ending for all
concerned except the police and
firemen who searched for the
body. In the dead of night a
man, aged 28, leaped into the
Yodo river, which borders the
city on the north, and dis-
appeared in the icy waters. A
girl who had been with him
raced for the nearest police
station and police and firemen
dragged the river and searched
the banks in vain. Later, the
would-be suicide was found at
home, drenched and shivering.

Why did he jump? "I thought
my girl would stop me if she
truly loved me," he told police.
Since she didn't, he scrambled
out of the water and, knowing
nothing of the rescue operations,
went home "to think."

Marriage

With spring in the
offing, matrimonial "consultation
offices" are extremely busy. An
Osaka survey showed that
women applicants at such offices
outnumber men by ten to one
in that city. While most of the
ladies are in the 23-33 age
group, quite a number are in
their 30s.

They are never shy or bash-
ful, and even cross-examine
prospective husbands about
their personal history, income
and other pertinent points. Also
noted was an increased demand
by the girls, whose average
height has steadily increased
since the war, for tall men.

Bride hunters, according to
the survey, were not so specific
or finicky as their opposites.
Their main qualification was
that a girl should be pretty and
a good homemaker. There was
one notable exception, however.

This was a gentleman who
has been trying to find his
dream girl for the last 17 years.
His dream girl must be 20, the
same age he specified when he
first asked the matrimonial
office to help him. On the
register his own age is listed as
31, with the notation that his
motto is: "Life begins at 30."

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WHAT'S ON TONIGHT

KING'S & PRINCESS: "And God Created Woman."
Brigitte Bardot in a French picture of a woman
indiscriminately seeking a bed-mate.

STAR & METROPOLE: "Legend Of The Lost."
John Wayne, Sophia Loren and Rossano Brazzi
search for treasure in the Sahara.

LEE & ASTOR: "Campbell's Kingdom." Dirk
Bogarde in an outdoor drama set in the Canadian
Rockies.

ROXY & BROADWAY: "The Gift Of Love."
Lauren Bacall and Robert Stack in a sentimental
journey which introduces a new child star,
Evelyn Rudie.

HOOPER & LIBERTY: "Don't Go Near The Water."
Glenn Ford and Gia Scala in a hilarious comedy.

QUEEN'S: "For Better For Worse." Dirk Bogarde
and Susan Stephen. A comedy.

ORIENTAL & MAJESTIC: "The Enemy Below."
Robert Mitchum and Curt Jurgens in a duel to
the death at sea.

CAPITOL: "Eagle Squadron."

RITZ: "Omar Khayyam." Cornel Wilde and
Michael Rennie in Hollywood's version of the life
of a great poet.

MAIL NOTICES

The latest times of posting
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at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest
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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

U.S.A. 6 p.m.
Australia, Canada, India, Japan,
New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A.,
U.K., U.S.A. 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A.,
U.K., U.S.A. 6 p.m.

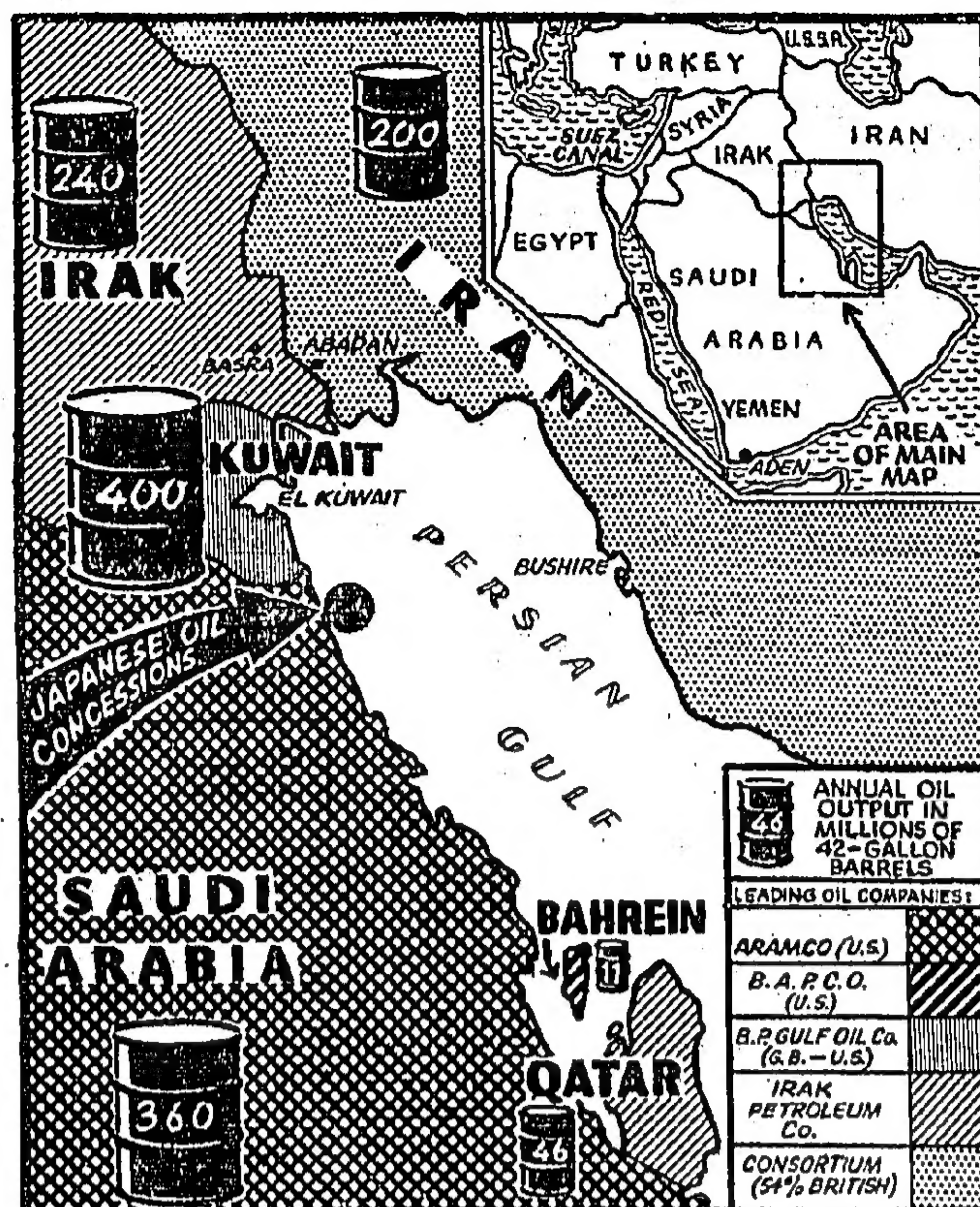
SATURDAY, MARCH 1

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Australia, Canada, India, Japan,
New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A.,
U.K., U.S.A. 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

U.S.A. 6 p.m.
Australia, Canada, India, Japan,
New Zealand, South Africa, U.S.A.,
U.K., U.S.A. 6 p.m.

JAPAN SEEKS MIDDLE EAST OIL



Higher bid gets Saudi Arabian concession

In the 1930s Britain controlled
almost the whole of Middle
East oil output. But that was
before Abadan, and before
Britain allowed the Americans
to acquire concessions in Saudi
Arabia, Bahrain and Kuwait.

Now Britain produces less
than one-third of Middle East
oil, while the United States
produces more than half. The
control of the Iraq Petroleum
Company (all but five per
cent.) is divided equally
between B.P. (British), Royal
Dutch Shell (Anglo-Dutch), a
French company, and an
American company. In the
Iranian Consortium area
Britain has a 54 per cent.
share, the United States 40

per cent, and France six per
cent.

Suddenly, another rival has
appeared with a toehold in the
Middle East. Japan, by agree-
ment with Saudi Arabia, who
is to exploit offshore oil con-
cessions in a narrow neutral
zone between Saudi Arabia
and Kuwait. She also has
concessions at two sites on
Saudi Arabian soil.

To get these oil concessions,
Japan offered Saudi Arabia a
larger share of the earnings
than America gives.

The Middle East contributes
little more than one-sixth of

the world's oil output of
6,000,000,000 barrels a year.
The United States alone con-
tributes half this total. Venez-
uela and Russia each produce
more than any single Middle
East country, and Canada, now
at 180,000,000 barrels, may
soon be up among the leaders.
But for West European
users, the Middle East is still
by far the major supplier of
oil. For them, the Japanese
entry into the Persian Gulf
could be a matter of first im-
portance. If Japan makes
major oil strikes of the sort
the British and Americans
have made in Kuwait, she will
become a significant power in
the Middle East.

Radio Hongkong

8.30, Thursday Club introduced by
Robert Acheson. 9, Time Signal.
9.15, News. 9.30, Record
Round About. 9.55, Weather Report.
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